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THE
AUCHINLECK CHRONICLE.

M.CCCC.XXXVI.—M.CCCC.LX.—I.



The Auchinleck Chronicle:

ANE SCHORT MEMORIALE OF THE
SCOTTIS CORNIKILIS FOR ADDICIOUN.

TO WHICH IS ADDED

A SHORT CHRONICLE OF THE REIGN OF JAMES
THE SECOND KING OF SCOTS.

M.CCCC.XXXVI.—M.CCCC.LX —I.

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Introductory Notice.

THE "Auchinleck Chronicle" was edited and printed by Thomas Thomson, Esquire, Deputy Clerk Register, more than half a century ago, for private circulation, but very few copies of it were issued at the time, Mr. Thomson intending to add Notes and Illustrations to it before distributing it. This intention Mr. Thomson did not carry into effect, and the whole remaining impression was sold after his death.

In a communication submitted to the Members of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, at their Meeting held on 8th January 1877, by David Laing, Esq., entitled, "INQUIRIES RESPECTING SOME OF THE EARLY HISTORICAL WRITERS OF SCOTLAND," printed in Vol. 12, pp. 72-87 of the Society's Proceedings, he gives the following account of this Chronicle, viz. :—"This short Chronicle of an obscure period of Scottish history was printed and edited by Thomas Thomson, Esq., Advocate, about the year 1817 or 1818, for private circulation. Very few copies, however, were distributed by Mr. Thomson, as he purposed to subjoin notes and illustrations, but this intention never was fulfilled. In the manuscript from which it was taken, it has the following titles:—'Ane Addicioun of Scottis Corniklis and Deidis,' and 'Heir followis ane schort Memoriale of the Scottis Corniklis for addicioun.'

"In the printed text of the Chronicle this ends on page 28, when the Editor entitles it, 'A short Chronicle of the Reign of James the Second, King of Scots,' and says :—'The historical fragment which forms the first part of this collection has been given with a scrupulous adherence to the original manuscript, not only in the inartificial and apparently accidental arrangement of events, but also in the errors of fact and of date, as well as in those of transcription which it exhibits. In that which follows, the same materials, with a few unimportant omissions, have been disposed somewhat more exactly in the order of

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time; some of the erroneous dates and accidental mistakes of transcription have been rectified,' &c.

"From this arrangement it appears that the Chronicle extends from the year 1436 to 1460-1. It is usually called the Auchinleck Chronicle, from the circumstance that the MS. volume from which it was printed belonged to the Library at Auchinleck, Ayrshire.

"This manuscript is a large folio volume, written on paper, consisting of miscellaneous pieces in Prose and Verse, collected and transcribed from MS. and printed copies towards the close of the reign of James the Fourth, or before the year 1514, by John Asloan, who appears to have been a Writer or Notary at Edinburgh. According to a 'Table of Contentis of the Buke,' on the first leaf of the volume, numbered from cap. i. to lxxi., this Chronicle formed number xviii. of the collection. Most unfortunately the volume itself is defective of no less than thirty-four of these numbers, and these, for the most part, cannot otherwise be supplied. The transcriber, at the end of each article, besides the name of the author when known, usually adds this attestation, 'Explicit per M. Jo. Asloan,' or 'Scriptum per Manum Johannis Asloan.' That he uses 'M.' not in its usual signification as *Magister* is certain, as in another place he gives the attestation in the vernacular words, thus—'Written be the hand (per manum) of John Asloan.' This, however, is a matter of no great moment.

"The early history of Asloan's manuscript is not known. On the fly-leaf is the autograph signature, 'Alex. Boswell, 1730,' indicating the time when it came into his possession, no doubt in its very mutilated state.

"I do not recollect having seen Asloan's manuscript in its original state. It was brought to Edinburgh early in the present century by Sir Alexander Boswell, when the leaves were inlaid by a skilful person employed on such work, and bound in the General Register House under the superintendence of Thomas Thomson, Esq., Deputy Clerk Register. The manuscript, along with some others from the same library, remained in Mr. Thomson's hands for many years, until they were reclaimed by the late Mr. James A. Maconochie, Advocate, as one of the Trustees of Sir Alexander's son, the late Sir James Boswell, Bart.

"Alexander Boswell, Esq. of Auchinleck, was the representative of an ancient family of that name; he passed as advocate at the Scottish Bar, 29th December 1729; was raised to the Bench, and took his seat 15th February 1754 by the title of Lord Auchinleck, and died 25th August 1782, aged 76. His son James, the well-known biographer of Dr. Johnson, died in 1795, leaving two sons, both of whom were eminent as literary characters.

"The eldest son, Alexander, born in 1775, was created a Baronet in 1820, and was killed in an unfortunate duel 25th March 1822. The second son, James Boswell, a barrister-at-law in the Temple, is known as editor of Malone's important edition of the 'Plays and Poems of Shakespeare,' in 21 vols. The

advertisement is dated 'Temple, May 1821.' Mr. Boswell died about eight months after.

"To return to the Chronicle, it was undoubtedly the work of an unknown author who flourished in the Reign of King James the Second. From the title 'for Addicione,' we might infer that the original had been written on the margin of some special Scotichronicon. Asloan, who transcribed it, could not have the slightest claim to be considered the author. It has, like Law's Manuscript, (No. II.),* obtained some notoriety from its containing a passage relating to the Johnstones of Annandale, and was formerly (in 1841) produced as evidence in a Peerage case not yet determined."

Mr. James Allan Maconochie, Advocate, Sheriff of Orkney and Shetland, "a well-known book collector," died at his house, 122 Princes Street, Edinburgh, on Tuesday the 25th February 1845, aged 56 years. His Library was sold by Mr. Peter Scott Fraser, in his Rooms, 97 George Street, Edinburgh, on Friday the 6th June 1845, and four following lawful days. In the Advertisement of the Sale, while the names of various Books are enumerated, *no* "MANUSCRIPTS" whatever were mentioned as being to be sold.

As respects the "ASLOAN MANUSCRIPT," commonly called the "Auchinleck Chronicle," the following particulars are extracted from the "Minutes of the Evidence adduced to the House of Lords in the claim of Sir Frederic John William Johnstone, Bart., to the Earldom of Annandale, 21st July 1876," viz :--

Mr. WILLIAM PATERSON was called in ; and having been sworn, was examined as follows :

(*Mr. Fleming.*) I believe you are a bookseller in Edinburgh ?

Yes, I am.

Did you at any time purchase a certain book called the Auchinleck Chronicle I did.

Is that chronicle now in your possession ?

It is.

It is your property ?

It is.

* LAW'S MANUSCRIPT—"De Cronicis Scotorum Brevia, 1521." Mr. Laing remarks that "This Manuscript, which is preserved in the University Library, Edinburgh, is in a small hand, filled with contractions, was found to contain some particulars relating to a conflict between the Johnstones and the Douglasses in the year 1455 ; and the Volume was to have been produced in evidence in the Annandale Peerage Case, had not the death of Sir George Frederic Johnstone of Westerhall, in May 1841, put a stop to all immediate proceedings in that claim."

Did you acquire it as a bookseller in the ordinary course of your business?
I did.

From whom did you purchase it?

From Mr. Peter S. Fraser, a well-known citizen of Edinburgh, in the year 1867.

Was he also a bookseller?

At one time he was a bookseller. Afterwards, he was an auctioneer; and latterly, I think he was an insurance agent.

Was there a sale of the library of a Mr. Maconochie about the year 1845?

There was, I believe, in 1845.

Was Mr. Fraser employed to sell the library of Mr. Maconochie in 1845?

I had the curiosity lately to turn to the *Scotsman* newspaper of that time, and I found that it was recorded there that he had sold that library. That is all I can say.

Is it within your knowledge that Mr. Fraser had this book?

Yes, I know that Mr. Fraser had this book when I bought it; but it is not within my knowledge that he had it previously.

It was from Mr. Fraser that you bought it, as you have told us, in the ordinary course of your business?

Yes.

And you now produce it?

I have it here (*producing a volume*).

Then DAVID LAING, Esquire, was called in; and having been sworn, was examined as follows:

(*Mr. Fleming.*) I believe you are a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland?

I am.

And I believe you are Keeper of the Library of the Writers to the Signet at Edinburgh?

I am.

How long have you been interested in antiquarian research?

For at least half a century.

Were you acquainted with the late Mr. Thomas Thomson?

Perfectly.

Did he hold any office in Scotland?

He was Deputy Clerk Register for nearly forty years.

Was he employed by the Government in any manner in connection with the Records of Scotland?

Certainly; that was his appointment. He had the entire arrangement of

the Records, and their publication, and he had many persons employed under him to assist him. One of his great works was the edition of the Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland, extending to several large folio volumes.

Had he for the purpose of compiling that book many private records and documents in his possession?

He had, from all quarters; from noblemen and private parties. They were in his charge in the Public Record Office in the General Register House, and some in his own library.

He obtained them from all quarters?

He had the free use of them.

They were placed in his hands by various noblemen and gentlemen from their charter chests?

Yes, certainly.

Was he considered a person of authority in historical matters?

He was looked upon as the principal man in that department in Scotland at the time. He was very judicious, and very intelligent and learned, but it was thought rather dilatory in getting work through his hands.

Did you see in his possession this book called the Auchinleck Chronicle (*the volume produced by the last witness being shown to the witness*)?

I had frequent occasion to see the book, and I made a list of its varied contents in prose and verse. There is no date to this list which I have here, but it was made before 1821. As I understood there was some doubts about whether this was the original manuscript from which Mr. Thomson had printed the Chronicle, I brought up for the purpose of proving it a list of the contents that I myself made; this must have been before 1821, as it is marked "In the possession of Alexander Boswell, Esq., of Auchinleck," and he was created a Baronet in that year.

Is this the book that you saw in the possession of Mr. Thomson?

Undoubtedly it is, because I can verify it by this list.

Irrespective of that, have you any doubt that it is the same?

Irrespective of that, I have no doubt whatever.

It is the book that you saw in Mr. Thomson's possession?

It is the book I often saw in his possession, sometimes in his own house and sometimes in the Register House, and I have copied many articles from it. Amongst other things, Mr. Thomson printed that Chronicle, and Sir Alexander Boswell, the proprietor, also printed other portions from it in a separate form for private distribution. There was a select society set agoing in Edinburgh called the Bannatyne Club, of which Sir Walter Scott was the founder and president, and Mr. Thomson the vice-president, for printing books connected with the history and literature of Scotland.

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Did you make on such occasions any examination of this book ?

I had occasion to do so. I was just going to mention that the object of the club was to print books for the members, not for sale, and Sir Walter Scott insisted that I should act as secretary. The club was carried on for upwards of forty years ; and here is a catalogue (*producing a volume*) of all the books they published. One of the first books they printed and circulated, in 1823, for that club was one from that manuscript- that I contributed myself, having got the use of a transcript from Mr. Thomson of a very obscure poem called the Buok of the Howlat. This list of the books was published in 1876 after the club was dissolved.

Was the Auchinleck Chronicle one of them ?

No ; it had previously been printed.

At what date was the copy of the Historical Fragment of the Reign of James the Second, contained in this book, first printed ?

I cannot exactly say in what year it was printed ; but it was printed privately, and as Mr. Thomson never finished the book in the way he intended, he only circulated and gave away some copies, of which I got one from himself in 1819. He also gave me an engraved facsimile of one of the pages of that Chronicle (*producing a paper*).

Is this a facsimile of one of the pages of the Chronicle which was published at that time ?

It was made for the Chronicle, but it was never circulated. That, as I have said, was before 1819.

Are you satisfied that the published copy thoroughly agreed with the original ?

I had occasion to compare it, and I found nothing to correct in it. I compared it both then and at subsequent times.

Do you know how Mr. Thomson obtained this book or from whom he obtained it ?

Yes ; he obtained it on loan with other Manuscripts from Sir Alexander Boswell, Baronet.

Is Sir Alexander Boswell's name on the book ?

No ; but it had been acquired by his grandfather, one of the Lords of Session, of the same name of Alexander Boswell. He had acquired it in March 1730 ; according to the date (*pointing to a page of the volume*).

Do you know that handwriting ?

Yes, I have it frequently before me.

Do you know this writing to be the writing of Sir Alexander Boswell ?

No ; I refer to Alexander Boswell the Lord of Session, known as Lord Auchinleck, and whose name appears in this book.

Alexander Boswell's name with the date of March 1730 is in the first page of the book?

Yes.

And you know that to be his writing?

Yes, I do.

Do you know how this book became bound in this manner?

It was bound in this way before I saw it. I never saw the book in its original state; before I saw it it had been put into Mr. Thomson's hands for the work he was engaged upon in connection with the Public Records. It was bound in the same way at that time, and in that state it remained in Mr. Thomson's possession for a very long while.

Is the writing of the whole book or almost all of it in one hand?

It is all in one hand throughout the whole book, except, perhaps, one or two leaves which are of no importance.

Those do not affect this Chronicle of the reign of James II.?

No, not at all.

In this book do you find a writing entitled "A short Chronicle of Scottish Events"?

Yes; here it is: "Here follows a short memorial of the Scottis Cornikles for additioun"—that means to enlarge the chronicles of the time.

That chronicle has been in the book ever since you have known the book?

Undoubtedly. It forms No. 18 of the original contents. I see here "Item ane tractate drawn out of the Scottis Chronicles;" "Item ane tractate of the Kings of Scotland beginning" so and so; and one of those items is "An Addition to the Scottis Chronicles," and then there are the different contents.

Do you know what person is supposed to be the writer of this volume?

John Asloan: his name appears in various parts of the book.

Are several of the writings signed by him?

Yes, they are; here is one (*pointing to a page in the volume*).

They are all in the same handwriting?

Yes; they are all in the handwriting of John Asloan.

Do you know what position Mr. Asloan held?

I did not know; but I brought a volume which perhaps will show who he was. At the sale of the library of Mr. George Chalmers, the author of "Caledonia," which was sold upon his nephew's death in 1842, amongst other manuscripts that I purchased were his "Collections for a History of Scottish Poetry;" amongst these collections there were various transcripts which I had bound up some years ago, containing a minute description of the Asloan manuscript, with transcripts of portions of it, which I have here (*producing the same*). Here they begin (*pointing to Chalmers' Collections*): "The Scottis Chronicles, " written in the early part of James V. reign," and so on.

Does he say anything about the position of the writer?

Yes, here it is at the end ; it is very legible : "There was a person of the name of John Asloan, who was a procurator or advocate in the reign of James IV., and he was no doubt the compiler of the manuscript. On the 5th of February 1494-5, before the Lords of Council at Linlithgow, John Asloan appeared as procurator for 'certain persons,' and protested that they having been summoned at the instance of Lord Herries of Terregles," and so forth. Mr. Asloan appeared for them as a procurator in 1494-5. Then there are some further facts about him.

What you are reading from is a book in the handwriting of Mr. Chalmers?

It is ; I bought it on the death of Mr. James Chalmers, a nephew of George Chalmers.

You are acquainted with the writing?

Yes. I am perfectly acquainted with the writing both of Mr. Chalmers and his nephew, who was his assistant in his various publications. George Chalmers was the author of the important and well-known work called "Caledonia."

Have you carefully examined this manuscript, purporting to be a short chronicle of the events of the reign of James II.?

I have.

What is your opinion as to the date of the writing?

The date of the writing is very clear, about the end of James the Fourth's reign, that is at least sixty years after the last date in the Chronicle.

After the events mentioned in the Chronicle?

Yes, after the events mentioned.

But you are of opinion that it is writing of the latter end of James the Fourth's reign?

Undoubtedly.

What is your opinion as to the authenticity of the book?

From looking at this Chronicle it appears to be a genuine collection of notes. I have never examined it historically, but it appears to be a genuine collection of additions to the ordinary Chronicles of Scotland which were then circulated. The materials for the reign of James II. are very scanty, and therefore this has always been regarded as a work of importance.

It has been known for a considerable time?

Yes ; it has been known at least since early in this century.

And the writing which you have referred to on the first page of the book is that of Alexander Boswell in 1730?

Yes.

You saw this Chronicle in the hands of Mr. Thomson?

I did, very often.

Do you know what became of it afterwards?

I happen to know that this and some other manuscripts of which Mr. Thomson had a loan from the Auchinleck Library were, I cannot say in what year, claimed back by one of Sir Alexander Boswell's executors, Mr. James A. Maconochie, an advocate, and they remained apparently in his possession until his death, and had not been sent back to Auchinleck.

From Mr. Thomson's possession this book went into Mr. Maconochie's?

Yes; he claimed this and other books as an executor of Sir Alexander Boswell.

You have no doubt that this is the very book that you saw with Mr. Thomson? I can have no doubt of it.

Do you know as a fact that Mr. Peter Fraser sold Mr. Maconochie's books?

I know that after Mr. Maconochie's death his books were sold by auction by Mr. Peter Fraser.

After Mr. Maconochie's death you know as a matter of fact that his books were sold by Mr. Peter Fraser?

Yes, and having attended the sale as a purchaser I know that this manuscript was not in the sale, because at the time I made special inquiries about it.

Cross-examined by the Solicitor-General for Scotland.

I think Mr. Thomas Thomson was a celebrated antiquarian as well as the Keeper of the Records?

Yes; he was always esteemed a most accomplished scholar.

And he took a great interest in the Bannatyne Club, which was a society of antiquarians?

Not exactly antiquaries, but lovers of literature and collectors, including several of the nobility in this country as well as in Scotland.

You never saw the book except in his possession until recently?

I would have said "No" to this question some time back, but I find that it had been produced when Sir Frederic Johnstone's Agents were taking legal proceedings many years ago, and I was asked to depone something about it, but I never saw it since.

From the handwriting of the compilation do you think that it was written at a period of about 70 years at least after 1455?

I would say the date of the handwriting was between the years 1512 and 1520.

Is that manuscript referred to or mentioned by any contemporary writer so far as you are aware?

No; it is a miscellaneous collection in verse and prose, many of which exist in other forms.

Is it known whether they were original compilations or mere transcripts from other writers?

Apparently they are transcripts.

No originals?

No, not originals.

Is there anything except the merest conjecture, for supposing that Mr. Asloan the advocate was the same person as this writer, Mr. Asloan.

Yes. I think there is no doubt of it. Here is Chalmers' authority for it (*pointing to Chalmers' "Collections."*)

What was the date at which Mr. Chalmers wrote; was it not an ancient matter even then?

Certainly; it might be considered ancient then.

When did Mr. Chalmers write?

I remember the nephew being in Edinburgh collecting materials from the Public Records for his uncle's publications.

At what date was that; was it in this century?

Yes, in this century; perhaps about 1812.

And this compilation was written in the beginning of the 16th century.

Yes; as he states here.

Had it ever been published before a partial publication was made of its contents by Mr. Thomson during this century as a matter of antiquarian interest?

Some of the poems had been published; I printed two or three myself at various times.

Is there any evidence of the Chronicle having been published or made known at the date when this compilation or these transcripts were written?

No; I am not aware of any.

Or for a couple of centuries afterwards?

No, I would say not until Mr. Thomson's time.

You published, I think, certain poems and fables of Robert Henryson?

I did.

And you included, I think, in that volume of poems and fables part of this manuscript which contains this Chronicle?

I did so.

I think, having reference to Mr. Thomas Thomson's Publication of a part of the work for the Bannatyne Club, he states in the preface, "This historical fragment, intitled, 'A short memorial of Scottish events,' which forms the first part of this collection, has been given with a scrupulous adherence to the original manuscript, not only in regard to the arrangement of events, but also of the errors of fact and date, as well as in those of transcription, which it exhibits;" is not that so?

Yes.

And afterwards he says, "several known or suspected errors have been suffered to remain?"

Yes.

That is Mr. Thomson's *notandum* upon publishing the work for the Bannatyne Club.

I have already said it was not printed for the Bannatyne Club, but he distributed some copies privately.

That was his observation, which was made public at the time, that he gave it to the club or to his friends.

Yes; about 1819.

Re-examined by Mr. Fleming.

As an antiquarian and as a person learned in the historical matters of Scotland, do you look upon that as an authentic chronicle or not?

I certainly do.

Have you any doubt about it?

I have no doubt. It may be incorrect in some points which might be found out, but we have no means of ascertaining them from a want of other accounts of the events of the time.

So far as your knowledge goes of the facts which are stated in it, is it correct?

I would say so.

Is there any better record of the same period?

Not that I am aware of. There is a history from 1436 to 1456 by John Leslie, Bishop of Ross, for instance, but that is of a later date; it was written in the reign of Mary Queen of Scots, and was printed for the first time in 1830 at the expense of the Bannatyne Club, with extra copies for sale.

Prefixed is a copy of the *Facsimile* of one of the pages of the original Manuscript as referred to by Mr. Laing.

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quhone þe lord of luf was slane ī lachemuryne vnd^r ane
ane assaunce be lauchlane m^rchanis and murthow gibson

The samyñ tyme þar was ī scotland a gret derth for þe boll of quheit was at xl s and þe boll of ete mele xxx s And w^raly þe derth was sa gret þat þ̄ deit a passinge peple for hungef And als þe land ill þe wame ill was so violent þ̄ þ̄ deit ma þ̄ geif þan eñ þ̄ deit oulder in pestilens or git in ony vñ feikneß ī scotland And þat samyn geif þe pestilens come In scotland and began at drūfres And It was callit þe pestilence but mcy ffor þar tuke It naī þ̄ eñ recoñit bot þaj deit wⁿin xxiiij hourē

The geif of god J^w iiij^c xliij þe x day of miche erll James douglas deit at þe castell of abercorn to þe takin þaj said he had ī hī four flane of talch and maiē

Thar faucht oñ mydfomef day in sanct Jhonstoñ Schir Willaṁ rowane Jhoñ gorme stewart of athole quhar þ̄ was flane Willaṁ of rowthwan and ane man w^r him oñ his syd t̄ na ma And oñ þe toþ syd þe said Jhoñ gorme gilcrist makyaf and of þaī flane out of hand of gētill mē t̄ gemen xvij t̄ ma t̄ mony hurt in prell of þ̄ lyf That gat away And þis bargane was done oñ þe north Inche of sanct Johnstoñ / all for þe takin of a man for thift þ̄ þe said Willaṁ tuke

- F. 123. The samyn geif forsaīd þe xv day of Julij Schir Robert sempill þan beand in þe castell of dūbertan and sef deput to þe lord erskyñ and patrik calbreth beand in þe ower bailge havand þe entre be him self at wallace towf and þe king of þe ower balge The said s^r Robert put out þe said s^r patrik clerlie fra all governans of þe castell subtelly And

gart him remuf his geir And oñ þe morne þe faid patrik
paft agane to þe caſtell ⁊ gat entre to remuf þe laif of his
geir and had in w' him bot iiij or iiij vnharneſt men
Neþeleß he tuke þe portar ⁊ wan þe ouþ balge clerlie oñ
force and was ꝑmendit for his takin ⁊ fupleit be þe toвне
of dunbertane And ſchortlie he put out þe faid ſ' Robert
of þe neþ balge ⁊ remanit zit w' þe hale caſtell eft' þat

Itm þ' ſamyñ geir þe xx^{ij} day of auguſt Erle Willaſñ of
dowglaß James ſoñ at þe ꝑmand of king James þe ſecund
come to bernetouñ in louthian w' ane gret oft and w'
him þe forſaid king' counſall beand w' him and his
houſhold And ſchortlie he aſkit þe houß oñ þe king' behalf
and ſchew þe king' lrez of ꝑmandement to aſk It And
futhlie androw crechtouñ þan beand þin capitane anſwerd
ſayand þat þe houß was i þe king' hand and nychole of
borthuik and James of crechtouñ war wnd' burrowis to þe
ſef / ſ' Willaſñ of crechtouñ and þai put i be hi oñ þe
king' behalf And faid þaj wald no' gif him þe houß bot gif
It war of þe ſeſt bidding And þan þe erll remanit about
þe houß in prop perſoñ iiij days ⁊ iiij ny'e And oñ þe fiſt
day he ſchew þe king' baner And þan þaj gaf It our condi-
cionaly þat þaj fuld haf fredome vj dayß to remuf þ' gud'
⁊ þai ſelf And he keſt It dovne w'in iiij dayis eft'

Thar was ane counſall geñale haldin at ſtriling þe ferd
day of nouēber In þe hend' end of þe qth counſall þaj blewe
out oñ ſ' Willaſñ of crechtouñ and ſ' george of crechtouñ
⁊ þaſ adūteñce And Incōtinēt eft' þe out blawing ſ'
george ⁊ ſ' Willa tuke away ſ' Jhoñ foſter' gud' þ' Is to

say schepe & noit And syne s^r george tuke þe erll of dou-
glas horþ and brynt his grägf of abircorne & strabrok & vþ
five plac^t And brynt þe samy tyme þe blakneft

The geif of god J^o iiij^c xlv. þe last day of maij Schir James
stewart of auchingowne was slane & ane w^r hī at drūglas
befyd kirkpatrik be þe lard of duchall and alex^r þe lyle
& þ child^o and erdit ī þe kirk of dūbertane And þat samy
tyme Robyñ boyd send s^r alexander cūn̄ghame chaplane
to Robyñ kalenda^r to þe kirk of cardroß to s^r James wyf
est^o þat he had cūm̄ fra þe slaucht^o of hir husband and
bad hir cū to þe castall and said þaj suld send hir hame ī a
bait & warand hir / for þaj gart hir trow þ was men
waitand hir oñ horþ & fut to tak hir / And schortlie thrō
s^r alex^r fair langage and hecht^t scho passit w^r hī and sone
wⁱⁿ vj dayß est^o for dīseis^o scho toke hir childill And was
p. 124. Delīd^{it} befor hir tyme ix oulk^t of ane knaif child þat liffit
no^r ane houf And was erdit befyd his fad^r in þe kirk forsaīd

Ane thousand iiij^c xlvj Thar decessit ī þe castall of glasqw
Maist^r Jhoñ carloñ bīschop of glasqw apōñ gule ewyne þat
was bīschop xix geñ The samy geñ Archebald of dunbar
tuke þe castell of halis oñ sanctandr^t day þe apte and syne
cowardlie gaf It ovr to þe maist^r of douglas sodanlie /

Thar was ane plāment haldin at perth þe v day of Juin
be king James þe secund and Remanit þar bot iiij dayß And
was cōtinewit till Edinburgh becauf of þe sege þ^r was liand
about þe castell oñ þe king^t behalf And s^r Wiffaz of
crechtoun was ī till It / And held It ix oulk^t & þan gaf It

to þe king thrō tretȝ And þe xv day of Julij þe quene his
moder deit ī dunbar and was erdit in þe chart^rhouſ of
perth And Incontinēt þe lord halis gaf our þe castell of
dunbar thrō tretȝ

This quene forſaid was callit Jane And ſcho was þe duke
of formyde douchter þ' king James þe firſt ſpouſit in
yngland / for till help to louſ him furth of It And he gat
oñ hir James þat was king and ane noþ ſoñ callit alexander
And ſcho baiſ baith þir ſonis oñ a ny' Itm he gat w' hir
vj douchter^r þe eldeſt was callit mgaret þ' was baith wyf
& w^otuiſ And was ſpouſit w' þe dalphin of fraunce The
ſecund was callit Elenor & was ſpouſit w' þe duke of brettañ

The geſ of god J^o m^c xlv þe xxiij day of Januar The erll
of huntlie and þe ogilbeis w' hñ oñ þe tap And þe erll of
craufurd oñ þe toþ part met at þe gett^r of arbroth oñ ane
ſondray laite and faucht And þe erll of huntlie and Wat
ogilby ſled And þ was ſlane oñ þ pty ſ' Ihoñ oliphant lord
of aberdalghy ſ' Wiſſam forbeſ Schiſ alex' barclay alex'
ogilby Daud of aberkerdach w' vþ ſyndry And oñ þe toþ
pt þe erll of craufurd him ſelf was hurt ī þe ſeild and Deit
w'in viij day^s / bot he & his ſoñ wan þe ſeild and held it
And eft^r þ' a gret tyme held þe ogilbyis at gret ſubiectioun
and tuke þ gud^e & Dikroyit þ plac^e & c^r

Itm þ was ane richt gret herſchipe maid ī fyff þe þir
pſonis The erll of craufurd James of levingſtoun þ' tyme
kepar to þe king and capitane of ſtriving The ogilbeis
all / Robert reath þe land of kadgoch and vþ ſyndry And

pis herschipe was maid on sanctandres land be þe maist
force And Incōtinēt est^o bischope James kēedy cursit
solempnitlie w^t myter & staf buke & candill contynually
a geſ And Intdytit all þe place quhar þir psonis wāſ And
þe samy day xij moneth þat þis heſschip was maide þ
happinit þe said batale betuix þai And þe forsaide erll of
craufurd lay four days abone þe gerd / & þ durst no man erd
him quhill þe forsaide bischop send þe p^oor of sanctandres and

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F. 125. þaj cryit him lustēnent And sone est^o þis þaj worthit als
strange as est þaj war / And at þis tyme þaj gat þe erllis
sele to consent to þe trewis And Incōtinēt þaj send furth
sawdouñ þe kinges herroð to lundouñ to bynd wp þe
trewis And als fast as s^r James of douglas gat wit herof
he past till londone Incōtinēt / And quharfor men wist no^t
redelye bot he was þaſ w^t þe king of yngland lang tyme
and was mekle maid of

The geſ of god J^o iiiij^c lj þe xxv day Junij Thar was
haldin a pliamēt ī Ed^r be king James þe secund To þe qu^{ik}
pliamēt þe forsaide erle Wiffam of douglas come and put hī
body landes and gud^s ī þe kinges grace And þe king resauit
hī till his grace at þe Request of þe qwene and þe thre
estat^s And grantit hī all his lordschippis agane outtane þe
erldom of Wigtouñ That Is to say galloway fra þe watt^o
of Cre west and stewartouñ outtane þe land^s of pedynane
of þe qu^{ik} þe erllis mod^o had coniuctfestmēt and charterit

him new of all þe laif of his lordschippis And gaf hī ⁊ all
hē a fre Remissioun of all thinge bygane to þe day forsaide
And all gud scottē mē wā ry' bly' of þ' accordance

That samyn ȝer Erll Willaſſ of douglaß wes flane in þe
castell of striuling be king James þe secund þat had þe fyr
milk in his face The forsaide king James send owt of striuling
w' Willaſſ lawder of haltoun a spēale affouans and respit
wnd^o his preve sele and subsciuit w' his awne hand And
all þe lordē þat war w' þe king þat tyme gaf bodely aithis
to kepe þat respit ⁊ affouance and subsciuit Ilk man w' þ
awne hand and all þe lordē þat war w' þe king þ' tyme war
oblif supō þe king wald brek þe band forsaide / þ' þaj suld
let It at þ power This beand done þe forsaide Willaſſ of
lawd^o of haltoun passit to þe forsaide erll Willaſſ of douglaß
And brocht him to striuling to þe king oñ þe monūday
befor fastrenisevyñ þat was þe xxj day of februař And þis
samȳ monūday he passit to þe castell and spak w' þe king
þat tuke richt wele w' hī be apperans and callit him oñ þe
morne to þe Dyneř ⁊ to þe supper / and he come ⁊ dynit
and sowpit And þaj saide þ was a band betuix þe saide erll of
douglaß and þe erll of roß ⁊ þe erll of craufurd And eft^{er}
supper at sevyne hoř þe king þa beand in þe Inner chalm
⁊ þe saide erll he chargit him to breke þe forsaide band he
saide he my' no' / nor wald no' / Than þe king saide / fals
trato' señ yow will not / I fall / And stert sodanly till him
w' ane knyf and straik him i at þe coleř and down i þe
body And þaj sayd þat pat^hk gray straik hī nixt þe king
With ane poll ax oñ þe hed and strak out his harnes And F.126.
syne þe gentillis þ' war w' þe king gaf þai Ilkane a straik

or twa w' knyff And þiſ ar þe names þat war w' þe king
þat ſtrake hi for he had xxvj wounde In þe firſt ſ' alex'
boyd þe lord dernelie ſ' androw ſtewart ſ' Willa³ of
gremſton ſ' ſymond of glendonane and þe lord gray &c

The geſ of god J^w iiij^c Lij^o The xxvij day of miche ſ' James
of douglaſ erll James ſecund ſon for þe foule ſlaucht^o of his
broþ erll Willa^m of douglaſ Come on ſanct patrik^e day i
lentryn to ſtriking & blew out xxiiij hornis attanis apoñ
þe king and apoñ all þe lord^e þat war with him þat tyme
for þe foule ſlaucht^o of his broþ And ſchewe all þ ſeles at þe
corþ on ane letter w' þ hand^e ſubſcriuit And tuke þe lett^o
and band It on ane burd and cuplit It till ane horþ tale
and gart draw It throu þe towne ſpekand richt ſclander-
fully of þe king and all þ' war w' him þ' tyme & ſpulgeit
all þe toвне and brint It And þ was w' hi his broþ þe erll
of ormond And þe lord hāmiltoun & na ma lord^e And þaj
excedit no' of gud mē vj^c / all þis tyme þe king was into
perth paſſand to þe erll of craufurd

That ſam̄ geſ Thar was ane pliamēt haldin in Edinburgh
þe xij day of Junij þe king James þe ſecund And þ was
forfaltit alex' lyndeſaye the erll of craufurd and lord lyn-
deſay ba' hand hyf and gud^e And in þat ſam̄ pliamēt þar
was put on þe ny' on þe pliamēt houſ duſ Ane lett^o wnd^o
ſ' James of douglaſ ſele & þe ſele of þe erll of ormond &
ſ' James hāmiltōnis declynand fra þe king Sayand þ' þaj
held no' of him nor wald no' hald w' him w' mony vþ
ſclanderous word^e calland þamtrato^r þat war his ſecret
counſall And þan þis pliamēt was g^otinewit for xv dayis &

chargit all man of man till be at Edinburgh baith on fut & hors Ilk mē for hi self baith i burgh & land vnd^o þe pane of ded & tinfall of þ land

The qu^{ik} day þaj apperit all & semblit at pentland muir and war novmerit xxx^o And þe king him self passit on southwart w^h þe oft to pebtis felkrig drūfres & vþ syndry pte and did na gud bot distroyit þe cūtre richt felonly baith of cornes medowis & wittalis and herijt mony ba^t gentillme & vþis þ^r war w^h hi self

Itm þ was maid in þe forsaid pliamēt thre erlis vj, þ^r James crechtoun son & air to þ^r Willam of crechtoun þ^r spouit þe eldest sist^r of m^ray was beltit erl of m^ray Itm þe lord hay and constable of scotland was beltit erl of eroll Itm þ^r george of crechtoun was beltit erl of caithnes Itm þ was maid vj or vij lord of þe pliamēt and banrent In þe first þe lord Dernelie The Lord halis þe lord boyd of kilmanok The lord stemyng of cūmyrnald The lord borthuik of þat Ilk The lord hyle of Dowchale The lord of cathcart of þ^r Ilk Itm þe lord of lorin Jhoñ stewart talgeit all his land to þe male and surname in þe said pliamēt / Itm þe lord of cathcart deit i þe samy tyme Itm þ^r george of crechtoun anext all his land to þe erldome of caithnes þ^r samy tyme Itm þ was syndry land gevin to syndry men i þis pliamēt be þe king^s secret counfall þ^r Is to say þe lord cambell to þ^r colyne cambell to þ^r alex^r hume to þ^r dauid home to þ^r James keyr and till vþ syndry war rewardit be þe said secret counfall þe qu^{ik} men demyt wald no^t stand

F. 127.

The geif of god J^{co} iiii^c Lv^o In þe begyning of miche James
 þe secund keft dovne þe castell of Inlawyne And syne Incō-
 tinēt past till glasqw And gaderit þe westland men w' part
 of þe arefchery and passit to lañik and to douglas t syne
 brynt all douglasdale and all awendale and all þe lord hā-
 miltōnis lande t herijt þai clerlye And syne passit till
 Edinburgh t fra þi till þe forest w' ane ost of lawland men
 And all þ' wald no' cū till hī furthwith he tuke þ gudf
 and brynt þ placf and tuke faith of all þe gentillf clerlie
 And all þis tyme þe lord hāmiltouñ was in yngland till
 haue gottyñ suple and couth get nane / bot gif þe douglas
 and he wald haue bene yngliß men and maid þe aith And
 Incōtinēt eft þe king passit in prop pfluñ And put ane sege
 till abercorn And w'in vij days lord hāmiltouñ come till
 him till abercorne And put him lyf lande and gudf in þe
 kingf will purelie and sempillye throw þe menys of his
 Eme James of levingstouñ That tyme chalrūlane of scotland
 And þe king Resaut him till grace And send hī oñ Incōtinēt
 w' þe erll of orknay þat tyme chancellor of scotland till
 remane i warde In þe castell of Roslyne at þe kingf will
 And þus he left þe erll of douglas all begylit as men said /
 And men wist no' grathlie quhar þe douglas was All þis
 tyme þe king remanit still at þe sege And þ was mony hurt
 and nane flane till sanct georgf daye outtane allane panto
 þat was þat tyme þe mast Ingenious man þat was i scotland
 t mast subtell in mony Diuß thingf And was flane w' ane
 gange thro misgounyng of him self And was richt mekle
 menyt be þe king t mony vþ lordf Thus þe king remanit
 still at þe sege And gart strek mony of þe towrf Dovñ w' þe
 grēt gwn þe q^{ik} a franche man schot richt wele And falzeit

na schot w'in a faldome quhar It was chargit hi to hit And

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The king gadderit ane gret ost and past In yngland and F. 128.
did gret scaith and wan mony towre and hous

Itm pe xij day of maij James pe broþir of erll Willam
of douglas þat was slane i pe castell of striuling come to
knapdale And spak þar w' pe erll of Ros and lord of
llis And maid þai all richt gret reward of wyne clathis
silu silk and ynglis clath And þaj gaf þai matill agane
And quhat was þar amang þai wes counsall to onwines
And þaj demyt Ill all

Itm þat samyñ moneth and gei s' george of crechtoun re-
signit all his conquest land in pe king's hand and maid
him his air And within vj days James of crechtoun sone t
air to pe said george of crechtoun tuke pe castell of black
neß and his fader in contrar of pe king And Incotinēt pe
king in prop pson put ane sege to pe blackneß And lay at
It ix or x dayis And þan It was gevin our be trety And s'
george was put to methfen and gaf him pe land of strath-
urd for pe land þat he had conquest in louthiane

The heřchipe of Intkip be donald of pe ylis vñ baloch
w' pe power of pe llis w' him And þaj said Jhon of douglas
ane bastard sone till archebald erll of douglas was w' þai
þaj war v^{xx} of galays wele tald t ma and of men v . or vj
thousand This heřchipe was done pe said gei The x day

of Julij And þ was slane of gud mē xv and of wyff twa
or thre and of barnis thre or four and of hors v or vj^c and
of oxin and ky x^o and ma And of schepe and gait a thou-
sand t ma And þaj brynt þ' tyme ctane townis In Inūkep
vīz about þe kirk Itm̄ þis said donald w' his oft of þe IIs
herijt all arane And wan þe castell of braudwik And kest It
down to þe erd And herijt baith þe IIs of Cerayes þe samy
tyme Itm̄ þaj tuke crauchmet of bute þe samy tyme vīz J^c
bollē of male J^c bollē of malt J^c m̄tē J^c m̄kē of silē

Ane thousand iij^c liij þe xxix day of August þ was cūmand
to þe cathederall kirk master george of lawd^o þ' tyme
bischope of Ergyle fra his castall of auchindouñ est^o þat he
had bene in þe Ile of lesmoñ þat tyme xxx dayis and maiñ And
þ was in his company þ' samy tyme mast^o hercules skrym-
geor p̄louñ of glassar f' Jhoñ m'arho and f' adam his priſche
preist and alex' skrymgeor þe p̄sonis broþ and þe lordē
awne suādē of houshald t nane v̄pis for þe lord come for
gud trety and traſtit naī evill This p̄louñ forſaid brocht ane
ſūmondē apōñ f' gilbert m'lachane þ' tyme chancellor of
þe forſaid cathederall kirk and apōñ f' morys m'fadgane þ'
tyme theſauref of þe ſaid kirk The qu^{ik} f' gilbert and f'
morys gadderit all hale þe clanlachane and all v̄pis þ' þaj my^t
F. 129. purches And ſend to piſ mē word þ' þe forſaid biſhop
come w' þe forſaid clerk and put þaī out of þar benefice
and to put In þe forſaid mast^o hercules And þus þaj Infor-
mit þe peple wranguisly and begylyt þaī for þe p̄louñ had no
thing bot a ſūmondē apōñ f' gilbert and apōñ f' morys
m'fadgan for a ſentence diffinitive That þaj gaf aganis him
of his benefice þat he had Joyſit peceably xv geſ w' f'

gotheray m'forfan becauþ þat þis ſūmondē was apoñ his
chēnonis þe lord paſſit in prop pſouñ till haf maid gud
tretye And alþ faſt as þis lord w' þir pſonis forſaid come
neþ þe kirk w'in þe q'ter of ane myle The forſaid ſ' gilbert
and ſ' moryþ coñie with all þe powerþ þat þai my' be ī fere
of were apoñ þe forſaid lord þe biſchop ⁊ hē company and
ſpak till him ſelf richt diſpituoſlie w' fellowñ wordē and
ſcorne And for diſpyte halfit hī ī errīſche ſayand bānacha-
dee And diſpytfully reſt fra hī þe forſaid maſt⁹ hercules ⁊
pullit him fra his horþ and brak þe lordē belt and tuke þe
clerke and his broþ ⁊ harlit ⁊ led þai away ry' diſpytfully
And band þe gentill man ⁊ tho' to ſtrik of his hed And
quhē þis foull ſupþ⁹ was done till god and haly kirk / þan
þe lord wald haf paſt oñ his fute till his kirk / þaj ſtert befor
hī ſayand That and he ſchupe to gang þ away þat þaj ſuld ſla
him ⁊ all þat war with him and þaj war all about him and
wald no' lat him paþ ony gait till he was oblīſt till aſſolge
þai of all thing þat þan was done þaſ And for dreid of his
lyf and his mēnis he grātīt throw conſall of rure alarñ
And vþis þat war w' him And þan þaj come w' a flyrdome
⁊ ſaid þat þaj come for na ill of him ne his child⁹ And þaj
held þe clerk ⁊ his broþ And oñ þe morne gart þai ſweþ þat
þaj ſuld neu follow him noþ of ſūmondē nor of vþir thing
þat was done to þai be þai ſelf na na vþis bot held þ bullis
and þ ſilū and a ſilkyñ twyþ and all vþ graith þat þaj had
þat was oucht worth vīz gownis clokē hude bānettē and
vþiſ ſmal geir

The geſ of god J^m iiii^c h^o In þe moneth of miche þe eril of
Roþ and lord of þe ylis tuke þ caſtell of þe king vīz Inū-

neß ourcvar and rothwane in badgenoch and stuffit þe castell of Inſeneß and wrquhart and keſt downe þe castell of rothwañ in badgenoch And þaj ſaid þ' he gaf þe keping of þe castell of wrquhart till his gud fader James of levingſtoun þ' was eſchapit ſubtelly fra þe king and his counſall out of þe abbay of halyrudhouß and was cūmand to þe lord for ſupple ⁊ ſucco^r þat reſaut hī richt thankfully and tuke plane pt agane þe king for hī And ſaid he had þe king^ſ wryt ⁊ walx to haf þe castell of wrquhart for iij ge^r And he ſaid þat þe king^ſ awne pſon gart him mary þe ſaid James Douch^t and hecht hī gud lordſchipe þe qu^{ik} F. 130. he had nocht gottin bot ewyñ þe ptrare ī all thing^ſ

The ſamyñ ge^r þe xvj day of auguſt þar was ſlane Jhoñ of ſandeland^ſ ſone and a^r to þe lard of Caldor In þat tyme bot xx ge^r of age and his Eme James and ane man w^t þam

Itm þat ſamyn ge^r ⁊ moneth þar was drownit in þe watter of crawmond ſ^r Jhoñ logane of leſtalrig kny^t of þe age of xx^j ge^r

Itm þat ſamyn ge^r ſ^r patrik of corntoun was ſlane ī dunbertane oñ ſeti^d day þe vij day of auguſt be allane hog þat tyme portar

That ſamyñ ge^r þe p^ruilege of þe vni^uſite of glaſqw come to glaſqw throw þe Inſtance of king James þe ſecund And throw Inſtiga^coun of maſt^r Willa^m turnbull þat tyme biſhop of glaſqw And was proclamit at þe croce of glaſqw oñ þe trinite ſonday þe xx^j day of June And oñ þe morne þ

was cryit ane gret Indulgence gevin to glasgw at þe request
of þai forsaid be pap nycholas as It war þe geſ of grace
and w' all Indulgens þat þaj my' haf i rome ȝtenand iiij
monethis begynand þe ix day of Julij and durand to þe
x day of nouēber

Itm þe geſ of god J^m iiij^c liij^o In þe moneth of september
deit alexander lyndesay erll of craufurd In fyevyne þat was
callit a rigorus man and ane felloun And held ane gret
rowme i his tyme sfor he held all angus in his bandoun /
t was richt Inobedient to þe king

Itm J^m iiij^c liiij^o Thar decessit i þe moneth of August gil-
bert hay erll of errol

Itm þe samy geſ t moneth þ decessit i Edinburgh f'
george of crechtoun And in þe samy moneth and geſ f'
James lord of crechtoun decessit at Dunbar And It was
haldin fra þe king a litill quhile and fyne gevin till hi /
And in þe samy moneth and geſ decessit Jhoñ hāmiltoun
þat was callit quhissilbery and was a licht mā i his tyme
Itm in þe samy geſ t moneth decessit i st^oling androw
cūnyghame sone t air till Wiltaz of cūnyghame of glen-
g^onok And þe samy androw spoufit Margaret cambell f'
ducane lord cambell doucht^o And tuke viij^c ilk^o of toucheſ
t arit þe land

And In þe samy moneth and geſ decessit f' alex' Ramfay
lord of dalhoufy And i þe samy moneth and geſ decessit
Jhoñ of park lard of þ' ilk Itm þat samy geſ t moneth

deceit þ' willan keith þat was callit ane gentill kny'
 ⁊ a w'tuof kn̄ þe samy ge' ⁊ moneth þe lard of
 Jhonstoun twa sonis tuk þe castall of lochnabane apōn
 þe lard of morwald callit carud'is ⁊ his ij. sonis ⁊
 of twa or thre mē / ⁊ all thrō tressoun of þe portar
 F. 131. And syne þe king gaf þam þe keping of þe hous to his
 prophet and how þat was men ferleit

Thar was ane richt gret spait in clyde þe xxv day and
 xxvj day of nouēber The quhill brocht dovū haile housis
 bernis and millis and put all þe towū of gowane in ane
 flote quhill þaj fat oñ þe hous

The ge' of god J^m iiij^e xlvij The xxv day of februa' þe
 mast^e of douglas callit James and twafū w' him That is to
 say James of douglas bro' to þe larde of lochelevyū and þe
 lard of haukat facht in þe barres at striuling aganis twa
 kny't and ane sqwyar of burgūze And þir waf þ names
 Schir Jakke de lalane þ' symond de lalane and þe larde of
 longawell þat was þe sqwyar And þis was befor king James
 þe secund

That samy ge' þe xxij day of october was þe battell of
 lochnabane stane w'in þe p'iche of Sanct patrik. Quhar
 hew of Douglas erl of ormond was chiftane oñ þe scott.
 fyd and w' him Schir Jhoñ Wallace of cragy þe lord of
 Jhonstoun þe lord forwellis son ⁊ air David stewart of
 castall myll þe ses. of air w' v' syndry gentill of þe west-
 land and þ men was callit iiij^m And oñ þe ynglis fyde þe
 zoungar p'ye þ' Jhoñ of pēnyatoun þ' Jhoñ heratoun

war chiftanis And w' þai sex thousand of yngliſ men
qu^{er} þar chiftanis war tane and xv^c mē w' þai / ſlane
Drownit v^c And oñ þe ſcottſ ſyð xxvj ſlane and tane / bot
na man of reputacioun war tane nor ſlane bot ſ^r Jhoñ
Wallace deit eft^e þat he come hame throu miſgouñance

Itm J^{re} iiij^c Lvj^e Cunyghame and dalrūpill faucht in þe
barraſ of ſtriuling befor king James þe ſecund

That ſam̄ geſ þe thrid day of decēber þ deceſit in glaſqw
maſt^e Willaſn turnbull biſchope of glaſc^e that brocht hai
þe pdouñ of it

Itm þat ſam̄ geſ þe laſt day of auguſt deit i glaſqw maſter
Walter ſtewart þ^r was lord gwand

Itm þ^r ſamyn geſ t moneth Deceſſit i brechyne maſt^e
Jhone crēnok biſhop of brechyne þ^r was callit a gud actiſ
and w^o tuiſ man and all his tyme wele gouñand

The geſ of god J^{re} iiij^c lix þe pēult day of Junij Deceſſit at
paſſay thomas tarvas abbot of paſſay þe qu^{ik} was ane richt
gud man and helplyk to þe place of ony þ^r eu^{er} wes ffor
he did mony notable thing^e and held ane noble houſ
and was ay wele purvait he ſand þe place all out of
gud rewle and deſtitut of leving and all þe kirk^e i
lordſ hand^e And þe kirk vnbiggit / The body of þe kirk
fra þe bricht ſtair wp And put oñ þe ruſ he biggit
and theckit It w^o ſclait and riggit It w^o ſtane And
biggit ane gret porciouñ of þe ſteple and ane ſtairlie get-

houß And brocht hame mony gud Jowellis and clathis of gold filu & silk & mony gud buk & maid staitlie stallis and glasynit mekle of all þe kirk And brocht hame þe staitlieft tabernakle þat was i all scotland and þe mast costlie And schortlie he brocht all þe place to fredome and fra no^t till ane my^u place And left It out of all kynd of det and at all fredome till dispone as þai lykit And left ane of þe best myter & þ' was in scotland and chandillar of filu and ane lettren of braß w' mony vß gud Jowell

Itm þe xvj day of August king James þe secund maid his first wayage in yngland w' vj^c thousand men and brynt and herijt xx mylis w'in þe land And wan and distroyit xvij towrs & fortaliceis And remanit oñ þe ground of yngland vj days and vj nycht And þ pſewit þai neu ynglisman w' Ill noß be day nor ny And come hame w' gret worſchip & tynt no^t a man of valo^r

Itm Incōtinent þe ynglismen war gadderit wele till iiij. or v^c thousand and come to þe marche and þ discordit and passit hame w' ane gret velany / viz þe duke of gork þe erll of salisbury w' mony vß fyndry gret lord of þe land

The geſ of god J^{co} iiij^c lx þe thrid sonday of august king James þe secund w' ane gret oist was At þe sege of Roxburgh and wnhappely was slane w' ane gwn þe qu^{ik} brak in þe fying / for þe qu^{ik} was gret dolo^r thro^u all scotland And neu þe les all þe lord & þ' war þar remanit still w' þe oist And oñ þe fryday est^o richt wyfly & māfully wan þe forsaid castell and tynt no^t a mā may In þe wýnyng of It

And þan þaj lordē Incōtinent send till Edinburgh for þe prince And þe said prince w^t his moder þe quene & bischopis & vñ nobillis come to kelfo oñ þe friday eft^o þe deid of þe king And remanit þar quhill he was crownit and quhill þe forsaid castell was wastit and distroyit And oñ þe sonday eft^o he was crownit in to kelfo And þe forsaid lordē passit to þe castell of werk & sone þaj wan þat castell And Incōtinent keft It downe to þe erd And distroyit It for eñ Itm in þe tyme of þe coronacōun of þe king þ was maid ma þan a hūdre kny^t

Itm i þe moneth of Januar i þe geñ forsaid. The pñce of yngland and þe quene of yngland come in scotland to get help & suple aganis þe duke of gork and þaj come to drūfres And þe qwene of scotland þe duke of gillerlandē doch^t met þe forsaid pñce & his moder at kyncloudane And þaj remanit þ togidd^o x or xij days And þaj said þaj war spekand of mariage betuix þe forsaid pñce And king James þe thridē sist^o And fū said þ^t þaj war accordit oñ baith þe syde And in þe meynetyne The duke of gork and þe erll of salisbury & þe duk^t soñ F. 133. war slane w^t vñ diñs lordē of þ company

The geñ of god J^m iiij^c lx The erll of ergyle Colyne Cambell passit in lorne for þe redempcōun of his cosing Jhoñ keit of lorne The qu^{ik} was tane be his broþ allane of lorne of þe wod sist^o soñ to Downe balloch And schortlie þis erll forsaid w^t his oist come to þe Ile of kerewra quhar þis allane had his broþ in festynans And his entent was to distroye him þat he my^t haue succedit to þe heretage And schortlie

paj come fa suddanlie apōñ þe forsaide allane in þe said lle þ' he my' nocht pass away w' his schippis i þe q^uar war a hundreth men And þis said Jhoñ keif was bound and his men was slane to þe novm of iiij or v^{xx} And brynt þ' schippis and Redemit his cosing and restorit him to his lordschip And þe toþ chapit richt narrowly w' his lyf and iiij or v . psonis And þis was þe first slaucht est^o þe deid of king James þe secund

The samy geif þe xxiiij day of februar king James þe thrid held his first pliamēt at Edinburgh to þe qu^u pliamēt come þir lord^e wnd^e writtin That is to say þe lord of ylis t erll of Ros and all þe lard^e of þe llis lord dernlie and þe lord kalenda^r The lord hāmiltoun And þaj did litill gud in þe forsaide pliamēt Bot þ' þaj ordanit sessionis to sit first at aberdene syne i perth syne i Edinburgh And þaj left þe king i keping w' his moder þe quene and godnyng of all þe kinrik And þfor þe lord^e said þ' þaj war litill gud worth ba' spūale t tempall That gaf þe keping of þe kinrik till a woman And Incōtinēt þe quene est^o þis pliamēt put i new kepar^e In þe castell of Edinburgh striuling and dunbar vi3 i Edinburgh Androwe keyr In dunbar lord halis / In blaknes and striuling Robert liddale

Itm þe said quene est^o þe deid of king James þe secund tuke mast^e James lyndesay for p^rncipale counsalo' And gart him kepe þe preve sele nochtw^rstanding þat þe said mast^e James was excludit fra þe counsall of þe forsaide king t fra þe co't t for his w^ray helynes And had bene slane for h^e desmit^e had no' bene he was redemit w' gold

Itm est^o þe deid of þe forsaide king þe lord of ylis past till
 Inūneß and tuke þe kinge fermes and all wittalis of þe
 kinge And proclamit all þe gudde and þe lande of þe kinge
 till he hande & gaf remissionis and respitte And for þir
 causse he was sūmond to þe pliamēt wnder þe pane of
 forfalt / And comperit no^t And þan þaj supfedit his causse
 quhill þe feist of sanct Jhoñ þe baptist And otnewit þe for-
 saide pliamēt till þ^e day to be haldin ī aberdene

Itm þe lord of curthous come till Edinburgh till

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of þe law and þe kinge profette and of all þe Realme And F. 134.
 þat þe king sulde cū be himself & his And þe qwene be hir self
 & hirre / bot þe king sulde ay remane wth þe qwene Bot scho
 sulde no^t Intromit wth his profette bot allanlie wth his pson

The geif of god J^o iiii^c xx Archibald erll of Douglas & þe
 duke of turane Deceffit ī fraunce And In þe samy tyme and
 place deceffit Jhoñ stewart erll of buchane and constable
 of fraunce

James of douglas sone to þe saide erll s^r Walter of bekir-
 toune s^r William of Setoun s^r richert of bekirtoun S^r henry
 bekirtoun gofno^r to þe scottis archers & alex^r bikirtoun wth
 mony vsis gud kny^{te} and sqwyer

Itm þat samy geif Robert stewart deceffit in þe castell of
 strirling and lyeis ī dūfermling

Itm duke murthok decessit at striuling Walter stewart
erll of levinox And s^r alexander stewart

Itm J^o iiij^c xxxvj The fals erll of athole his son and
Robert stewart war put to ded at Edinburgh for tresoun

Itm The erll of mar Alexander stewart decessit

Itm J^o iiij^c xxxviiij^o Archebald erll of douglas and sist^o son
to king James be first deit at lestahrig

Itm J^o iiij^c xl Erll Willam of douglas archebald^e son
beand pan xviiij yer^e of age t his broß David Douglas
was put to deid at Edinburgh and makcome flemyng of
beggar was put to deid in þat famyñ place wⁱⁿ three-days
eft^o

The ge^r of god J^o iiij^c xlix s^r James auchinlek was slane
be richert coluile þe xx day of ap^{le} And wⁱⁿ v or vj days
cowartlie gaf o^r þe castell And was hedit and iij sū w^t hī
And Incōtinēt est^o þat he come furth þe castell was castin
dovñ be erll Willaz of douglas James son

That famyñ ge^r in þe moneth of may s^r James stewart
þe qwenes kny^t was tane apoñ þe se be þe flemyng^e befor
þe son t þ was put to deid t of þai þat come w^t him viij^{xx}
of ynglismen

That famyñ ge^r þe xviiij day of Juin qwene mary of scot-
land come in scotland And þis qwene was þe duke of gillir-

landē doucht And fift^o Doucht^o to þe duke of burgone Thar
come with hir xiiij gret schippis and ane craike In þe qu^{ik}
þ was þe lord of Canfeſ w' xv^{xx} of mē i harnes Maſt^o
Jhoñ ralfstouñ biſchope of dunkelden And ſ^r wiſſam of
crechtouñ chancelleſ of ſcotland That tyme was þe hame
bringar of þe qwene w' þe counſall of þe king of fraunce
The duke of ſawoy The duke of oſtrich þe duke of bertane
þe duke of burgūge / And all þiſ waſ bundyñ In ſuple ⁊
māteinans of king James of ſcotland And þis king forſaid
and þis qwene war marijt At Edinburgh þe thrid day of
Julij the geſ forſaid

Itm in þat ſamyñ geſ maſt^o wiſſam turnbill ſaid his firſt F. 135.
meſ in glaſqw þe xx day of ſeptember And oñ þe monūday
þe xxiiij day of ſeptēber James of levingſtouñ was arreſtit
be þe king And Robyñ kalendar capitane of Dunbertane
And Johñ of levingſtouñ capitane of þe caſtell of dovñ And
Dauid levingſtouñ of þe grenezardē w' ſyndry vñis and
ſone eſt^o þis ſ^r alex^r levingſtouñ was arreſtit and robyñ of
levingſtouñ of lithqw þat tyme comptrollaſ And James and
his broþ alex^r and Robyne of lithqw war put in þe black-
neſ And þ gudē tane within xl days i all place and put
wnder arreſt And all þ gudē þ^r ptenit to þat pty And all
officerē þat war put in be þai war clerlie put out of all
officē And all put dovñ þat þaj put wp And þis was a gret
ferlie And in þe ſamē tyme þe forſaid James dochter þat
was ſpouſit w' þe lord of þe Ilis come till hi ſodanlie w' few
pſonis w' hiſ ⁊ þaj met i dūbertane ſ^r Duncane pſone And
led hir w' hi to kyntyſ þe xxiiij day of þe ſaid moneth

And It is to wit þ' þe first arresting was maid at þe brig
of Inchebelle on kylwyne betuix glasq̃w & kirkytullosh

That samy geir þe xix day of Januair James þe thrid held
his first pliamēt at Edinburgh In to þe quth pliamēt þar
was forfaitit Schir alex' levingstoun lord kalendar And James
dūdaþ of þat ilk And Robert bruþ þe lard of clakmānānis
broþ And James of levingstoun sone & air to þe said alexan-
der was put to deid And Robyne of levingstoun of lithq̃w
þ' tyme comptrollar was put to deid baith togidd^o on þe
castellhill þ heid^e strikin of / The thrid day of þe pliamēt
And þat samy tyme archebald of Dundas broþ till þe said
James of dūdaþ stuffit þe tow^r of dundas and said he suld
de and It baith attanis bot gif þe king did þai grace And
at þe dissolwyne of þe said pliamēt þe king baith send &
come him self And askit þe said hous And gat It no' as þan
And Incōtinēt laide ane sege about It þat remanit quhill þe
latt^e end of ap^{le} And þan It was gevī ouf And all þat war i
It war put i þe king^e grace And þaj war tane And sum send
till a castell and sum till vþis And þe hous was cassyñ downe
And þe stuf þof ptit betuix þe king and þe erll of douglas
Schir wittaz of crechtoun And s^r george of crechtoun

The geir of god J^o iiiij^c & L. þe xix day of maij qwene
mary partit w^t barne in striuling xij oulk^e befor hir tyme
And þe barne lifsit bot þe space of sex hour^e

Itm þe said geir in þe moneth of Junij Thar was funding
in dūfermling a ſwalouþ deid corþ In þe ryping of ane
F. 135. wall for first þ was found * About him a kist of stane

And syne ane of tre & syne a tape of leid And syne
clathis of gold and silk als fresche as evir þaj war And
þe corþ hale in hyde & hewe as It semyte bot of xviij
gerf of age And It was xj^{xx} gerf señ þ' wall was maide
And men demyt þat It was a barne or cofing of sanct
margarett

The geř of god J^w iij^c xlix The birnyng of dunbar be
young pñe And þ' robert ogile In þe moneth of maij And
þat samy geř drūfres was brynt be þe erll of salisbury i þe
moneth of Junij And þat samy geř erll willam of douglas
James soñ And w' hī þe erll of orknay angus & ormond
brynt awnwik i þe moneth of Junij þe thrid day And come
hame wele And did gret scaith Itm þe said erll passit In
yngland þe xvij day of Julij w' xl^m mē And did gret scaith
And brynt Werkworth And In þe hamecūmyng tynt ij^c
fut men þat war tane & no' teñ men flane / bot þe lard of
glendōwyne And þe scottē men tuke agane colyne wod
for him And Ilkane of þīř mēis sōnis tuk vþis faderē

The battell of atbroth brechyne

Itm about þat samyñ tyme þe xvij day of maij That met &
faucht i þe feld oñ þe Mure besyd brechyne The erll of
craufurd callit allexander The erll of huntlie callit alexan-
der And þ was w' þe erll of huntlie fer ma þan was w' þe
erll of craufurd becaus he displayit þe kingē baniř And
said It was þe kingē actiouñ And he wes his lustēend And
schortlie þe erll of huntlie wan þe feld And slewe þe erll of
craufurdē broþ callit Jhoñ lyndesay of brechyne & þe lard

of dundaß And vñ syndry gentill mē wele till iij^{xx} of cot-
armo^r on þat fyd And on þat vñ fyde willam of setoun þe
erll^e broß And vthir thre or four of gentill men t̄ v or sex
of gemen And þe erll of huntlie held þe feld And raid in
angus w^t thre or four thousand with him And þe erll
of craufurd

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**A SHORT CHRONICLE OF THE REIGN OF
JAMES THE SECOND KING OF SCOTS.**

THE Historical Fragment, entitled ' Ane Schort Memoriale of
' the Scottis Corniklis for addicioun,'—which forms the first
part of this Collection, has been given with a scrupulous adher-
ence to the original manuscript, not only in the inartificial and
apparently accidental arrangement of events, but also in the er-
rors of fact and of date, as well as in those of transcription which
it exhibits. In that which follows, the same materials, with a
few unimportant omissions, have been disposed somewhat more
exactly in the order of time ; some of the erroneous dates and
accidental mistakes of transcription have been rectified ; and
the abbreviations and other antiquated peculiarities of writing
have been removed ; while at the same time, the words and
spelling of the original have been, in other respects, closely
adhered to. Several known or suspected errors have been
suffered to remain, where the means of accurate and authentic
correction could not be obtained.

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OF JAMES THE SECOND.**

M. CCCC. XXXVI.

ITEM, M. CCCC. XXXVI. the fals erll of Athole, his son and Robert Stewart, war put to ded at Edinburgh for tresoun.

M. CCCC. XXXVIII.

THE yeir of God **M. CCCC. XXXVIII.** the **xx** day of September, Allane Stewart lord Dernlie was slane at Polmais Thorne be schir Thomas Boyd, undir ane assoverance takin betuix tham.

M. CCCC. XXXIX.

ITEM, M. CCCC. XXXIX. Archebald erll of Douglas and sister son to king James the first deit at Lestalrig.

THE yer of God **M. CCCC. XXXIX.** the **vii** day of Julii, schir Thomas Boyd was slane be Alexander Stewart buktuth and his sonniss, and Mathow Stewart with his brother, and uthir syndry.

THAT samyn yer the thrid day of August, the lord Kalendar, schir Alexander Levingstoun, that tyme beand in

the castell of Sterling with the quene, tuke the quene and put hir in ane chalmer and kepit hir stratlye tharin, till scho was lowsit be the thre estatis, at the counsall haldin at Strivling that samyn yer, the last day of August. And that samyn tyme, he tuke schir James Stewart the lord of Lornis brother, and William Stewart, and put tham in pittis and bollit thaim. At that samyn counsall, schir James was borowit be the lord Gordoun schir Alexander Setoune, lord of the Ylis, schir William of Crechtoun that tyme chancellor, undir the pane of thre thousand

THE samyn yer, the xxiiii day of September, Jhon of Culquhone the lord of Lus was slane in Inchemuryne, undirneith an assoverance, be Lauchlane M^cClanis and Murthow Gibsoun.

THE samyn tyme thar was in Scotland a gret derth, for the boll of quheit was at xl schillingis, and the boll of ete mele xxx schillingis, and werraly the derth was sa gret that thar deit a passinge peple for hunger. And als the land ill, the wame ill was so violent, that thar deit ma that yer than ever thar deit oulder in pestilens or yit in ony uthir seiknes in Scotland. And that samyn yer the pestilens come in Scotland and began at Drumfres, and it was callit the pestilence but mercy, for thar tuke it nain that ever recoverit, bot thai deit within xxiiii houris.

M. CCCC. XL.

ITEM, M. CCCC. XL. erll William of Douglas Archebaldis son, beand than xviii yeris of age, and his brother David

Douglas, was put to deid at Edinburgh. And Malcome Flemyng of Beggar was put to deid in that samyn place within thre days efter.

M. CCCC. XLIII.

THE yeir of God M. CCCC. XLIII. the xxv day of Merche, erll James Douglas deit at the castell of Abercorn, to the takin thai said he had in him four stane of talch and mair.

THAR faucht on mydsomer day in Sanct Jhonston, schir William Rowane, Jhon Gorme Stewart of Athole, quhar thar was slane William of Routhwan, and ane man with him on his syd and na ma. And on the tothir syd, the said Jhon Gorme, Gilcrist Makynar, and of thaim slane out of hand of gentill men and yemen xviii and ma, and mony hurt in perrell of thair lyf that gat away. And this bargane was done on the north inche of Sanct Johnston, all for the takin of a man for thift that the said William tuke.

THE samyn yer forsaid, the xv day of Julii, schir Robert Sempill than beand in the castell of Dunbertan, and schiref deput to the lord Erskyn, and Patrik Calbreth beand in the ower bailye, havand the entre be him self at Wallace towr, and the king of the ower balye, the said schir Robert put out the said schir Patrik clerlie fra all governans of the castell subtelly, and gart him remuf his geir. And on the morne the said Patrik past agane to the castell, and gat entre to remuf the laif of his geir, and had in with him bot iii or iiij unharnest men. Nevertheles he tuke the portar, and wan the outhir balye clerlie on force, and was

commendit for his takin, and suppleit be the toune of Dunbertane. And schiortlie he put out the faid schir Robert of the nether balye, and remanit yit with the hale castell efter that.

ITEM, that samyn yer the xx day of August, erle William of Douglas James son, at the command of king James the secund, come to Bernetoun in Louthian with ane gret ost, and with him the forsaid kingis counsall beand with him and his houshald. And schiortlie he askit the hous on the kingis behalf, and schew the kingis letrez of commandement to ask it. And suthlie Androw Crechtoun than beand tharin capitane, answerd sayand, that the hous was in the kingis hand. And Nychole of Borthuik and James of Crechtoun war undir burrowis to the schiref, schir William of Crechtoun, and thai put in be him on the kingis behalf, and said thai wald nocht gif him the hous bot gif it war of the schirefis bidding. And than the erll remanit about the hous in proper person iiii days and iiii nychtis. And on the fift day he schew the kingis baner, and than thai gaf it our condicionaly, that thai fuld haf freedom vii dayis to remuf thair gudis and thaim self. And he kest it doune within iiii dayis efter.

THAR was ane counsall generale haldin at Strivling, the ferd day of November, in the hender end of the quhilk counsall, thai blewe out on schir William of Crechtoun and schir George of Crechtoun, and thar advertence. And incontinent efter the outblawing, schir George and schir William take away schir Jhon Fosteris gudis, that is to say schepe and

nolt. And syne schir George tuke the erll of Douglas hors, and brynt his grangis of Abircorne and Strabrok and uthir five placis, and brynt the samyn tyme the Blaknestis.

M. CCCC. XLV.

THE yer of God M. CCCC. XLV. the last day of Maii, schir James Stewart of Auchingowne was slane, and ane with him, at Drumglas besyd Kirkpatrik, be the lard of Duchall and Alexander the Lyle and thair childer, and erdit in the kirk of Dunbertane. And that samyn tyme Robyn Boyd send schir Alexander Cunnyngame, chaplane to Robyn Kalendar, to the kirk of Cardros, to schir James wyf, efter that he had cummyn fra the slauchter of hir husband, and bad hir cum to the castall, and said thai suld send hir hame in a bait and warand hir, for thai gart hir trew thar was men waitand hir on hors and fut to tak hir. And schortlie, throu schir Alexanderis fair langage and hechtis, scho passit with him, and sone within vi dayis efter, for diseis scho toke her childill, and was deliverit befor hir tyme ix oulkis of ane knaif child, that liffit nocht ane hour, and was erdit besyd his fader in the kirk forsaid.

THAR was ane parliament haldin at Perth, the v day of Juin, be king James the secund, and remanit thar bot iii dayis, and was continewit till Edinburgh, becaus of the sege that was liand about the castell on the kingis behalf. And schir William of Crechtoun was in till it, and held it ix oulkis, and than gaf it to the king throu trefy. And the xv day of Julii, the quene his moder deit in Dunbar, and was erdit in the Charterhous of Perth. And incon-

tainent the Lord Halis gaf our the castell of Dunbar throu trecty.

THIS queene forsaide was callit Jane. And scho was the duke of Somersydis douchter, that king James the first spousit in Yngland, for till help to lous him furth of it. And he gat on hir James that was king, and ane nothir son callit Alexander, and scho bair baith thir sonnys on a nycht. Item, he gat with hir vi douchteris. The eldest was callit Mergaret, that was baith wys and vertuis, and was spousit with the dalphin of Fraunce. The secund was callit Elenor, and was spousit with the duke of Brettan.

THE yer of God M. cccc. xlv. the xxiii day of Januar, the erll of Huntlie and the Ogilbeis with him on the tapart, and the erll of Craufurd on the tother part, met at the yettis of Arbroth, on ane sonday laite, and faucht. And the erll of Huntlie and Wat Ogilby fled. And thar was slane on thair party, schir Jhon Oliphant lard of Aberdalghy, schir William Forbes, schir Alexander Barclay, Alexander Ogilby, David of Aberkerdach, with uthir syndry. And on the tother part, the erll of Craufurd him self was hurt in the feild, and deit within viii dayis. Bot he and his son wan the feild and held it, and efter that a gret tyme, held the Ogilbyis at gret subjeccioun, and tuke thair gudis and distroyit thair placis, &c.

ITEM, thar was ane richt gret herschipe maid in Fyff be thir personis, the erll of Craufurd, James of Livingstoun that tyme kepar to the king and capitane of Strivling, the

Ogilbeis all, Robert Reach, the lard of Kadyoch, and uthir syndry. And this herschipe was maid on Sanctandrois land, be the maist force. And incontinent efter, bischope James Kennedy cursit solempnitlie with myter and staf buke and candill contynually a yer, and interdytit all the placis quhar thir personis war. And the samyn day XII moneth that this herschip was maid, thar happinit the said batale betuix thaim. And the forsaid erll of Craufurd lay four days abone the yerd, and thar durst no man erd him, quhill the forsaid bischop send the prior of Sanctandrois and

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M. CCCC. XLVI.

Ane thousand cccc. XLVI. thar decessit in the castall of Glasqw, master Jhon Cameron bischop of Glasqw, apon yule ewyne, that was bischop XIX yer. The samyn yer Archebald of Dunbar tuke the castell of Halis on Sanctandrois day the apostle, and syne cowardlie gaf it owr to the master of Douglas sodanlie.

M. CCCC. XLVIII.

THE yer of God M. CCCC. XLVIII. the birnyng of Dunbar be young Perse and schir Robert Ogile, in the moneth of Maii. And that samyn yer, Drumfres was brynt be the erll of Salisbery, in the moneth of Junii. And that samyn yer, erll William of Douglas James son, and with him the erll of Orknay, Angus, and Ormond, brynt Awnwik, in the moneth of Junii the thrid day, and come hame wele, and did gret scaith. Item, the said erll passit in Yngland, the

xviii day of Julii, with xl^m men, and did gret scaith, and brynt Werkworth. And in the hamecummyng tynt ii^c fut men that war tane, and nocht ten men slane; bot the lard of Glendonwyne, and the Scottis men tuke agane Colyne Wod for him, and ilkane of thir mennis sonnys tuk uthiris faderis.

THAT samyn yer, the xxiii day of October, was the battell of Lochmabane stane, within the perrische of Sanct Patrik. Quhar Hew of Douglas erll of Ormond was chiftane on the Scottis syde, and with him schir Jhon Wallace of Cragy, the lord of Jhonstoun, the lord Somerwellis son and air, David Stewart of Castell Myll, the schiref of Air, with uthir syndry gentillis of the westland, and thair men was callit iiij^m. And on the Ynglis syde, the youngar Persye, schir Jhon of Pennyntoune, schir Jhon Herntoun, war chiftanis, and with thaim sex thousand of Ynglis men, quhar thar chiftanis war tane, and xv^c men with thaim slane, drownit v^c. And on the Scottis syde, xxvi slane and tane, bot na man of reputacioun war tane nor slane, bot schir Jhon Wallace deit efter that he come hame, throu misgovernance.

THE yer of God M. cccc. xlviii. the xxv day of Februar, the master of Douglas callit James, and twasum with him, that is to say, James of Douglas brother to the larde of Lochlevyne, and the lard of Haukat, facht in the barres at Strivling aganis twa knyghtis and ane squyar of Burgunye. And thir war thair names. Schir Jakkis de Lalane, schir Symond de Lalane, and the larde of Longawell, that was the squyar. And this was befor king James the secund.

M. CCCC. XLIX.

THE yer of God M. CCCC. XLIX. schir James Auchinlek was slane be Richert Colvile, the xx day of Aprile, and within v or vi days cowartlie gaf our the castell, and was hedit and iii sum with him. And incontinent efter that he come furth, the castell was castin down be erll William of Douglas James son.

THAT samyn yer, in the moneth of May, schir James Stewart the quenes knyght was tane apon the se be the Flemyngis, befor the son, and thar was put to deid, and of thaim that come with him viii^{xx} of Ynglismen,

THAT samyn yer, the xviii day of Juin, quene Mary of Scotland come in Scotland. And this quene was the duke of Gillirlandis douchter, and sister douchter to the duke of Burgone. Thar come with hir xiii gret schippis and ane craike, in the quhilk thar was the Lord of Canfer, with xv^{xx} of men in harnes. Master Jhon Ralstoun bischop of Dunkelden, and schir William of Crechtoun chancellor of Scotland that tyme, was the hame bringaris of the quene with the counsall of the king of Fraunce, the duke of Savoy, the duke of Ostrich, the duke of Bertane, the duke of Burgunye. And all thir war bundyn in suple and manteinans of king James of Scotland. And this king forsaid and this quene war mariit at Edinburgh, the thrid day of Julii the yer forsaid.

ITEM, in that samyn yer, master William Turnbull said his first mess in Glasqw, the xx day of September. And on

the monunday the xxiii day of September, James of Levingstoun was arrestit be the king, and Robyn Kalendar capitane of Dunbertane, and Johne of Levingstoun capitane of the castell of Doune, and David Levingstoun of the Grenyardis, with syndry uthiris. And sone efter this, schir Alexander Levingstoun was arrestit, and Robyn of Levingstoun of Lithqw that tyme comptrollar. And James and his brother Alexander and Robyn of Lithqw war put in the Blacknes, and thair gudis tane within xl days in all places, and put under arrest, and all thair gudis that pertenis to that party. And all officeris that war put in be thaim war clerlie put out of all officis, and all put down that thai put up. And this was a gret ferlie. And in the samyn tyme, the forsaid James dochter, that was spousit with the Lord of the Ilis, come till him sodanlie with few personis with hir, and thai met in Dunbertane schir Duncane Persone, and led hir with him to Kyntyre, the xxiii day of the said moneth. And it is to wit, that the first arresting was maid at the brig of Inchebelle on Kylwyne, betuix Glasqw and Kirkyntulloch.

THAT samyn yer, the xix day of Januar, James the secund held his first parliament at Edinburgh. In to the quhill parliament thar was forfeitit, schir Alexander Levinstoun lord Kalendar, and James Dundas of that ilk, and Robert Brus the lard of Clakmannannis brother. And James of Levingstoun, son and air to the said Alexander, was put to deid, and Robyne of Levingstoun of Lithqw that tyme comptrollar was put to deid, baith togidder on the castell-hill, thair heidis strikin of, the thrid day of the parliament.

And that samyn tyme, Archebald of Dundas, brother till the said James of Dundas, stuffit the towr of Dundas, and said he suld de and it baith attanis, bot gif the king did thaim grace. And at the dissolwyne of the said parliament, the king baith send and come him self, and askit the said hous, and gat it nocht as than. And incontinent laide ane sege about it, that remanit quhill the latter end of April, and than it was gevin oar, and all that war in it war put in the kingis grace. And thai war tane, and sum send till a castell, and sum till uthiris. And the hous was cassyn doune, and the stuf tharof partit betuix the king, and the erll of Douglas, schir William of Crechtoun, and schir George of Crechtoun.

M. CCCC. L.

THE yer of God M. cccc. and L. the xix day of Maii, quene Mary partit with barne in Strivling, xii oulkis befor hir tyme, and the barne liffit bot the space of sex houris.

Item, the said yer, in the moneth of Junii, thar was funding in Dunfermling a merwalous deid corse, in the ryping of ane wall. For first thar was found about him a kist of stane, and syne ane of tre, and syne a cape of leid, and syne clathis of gold and silk als fresch as evir thai war, and the cors hale in hyde and hewe, as it semyte bot of xviii yeris of age. And it was xi^{xx} yeris sen that wall was maide. And men demyt that it was a barne or cofing of Sanct Margaretis.

M. CCCC. LI.

THE yer of God M. cccc. LI. in the moneth of Merche, the erll of Ros and lord of the Ylis take thir castellis of the

king, viz. Invernes, Ourcuart, and Rothwane in Badyenoch, and stuffit the castell of Invernes and Urquhart, and kest doune the castell of Rothwan in Badyenoch. And thai said that he gaf the keping of the castell of Urquhart till his gud fader, James of Levingstoun, that was eschapit subtelly fra the king and his counsall out of the abbay of Halyrudhous, and was cummand to the lord for supple and succour, that resavit him richt thankfully, and tuke plane part agane the king for him, and said he had the kingis wryt and walx to haf the castell of Urquhart for iii yer. And he said that the kingis awne person gart him mary the said James douchter, and hecht him gud lordschipe, the quhilk he had nocht gottin, bot evyn the contrare in all thingis.

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thai cryit him luftennent. And sone efter this thai worthit als strange as ever thai war. And at this tyme thai gat the erllis sele to consent to the trewis. And incontinent thai send furth Snawdoun the kingis herrod to Lundoun to bynd up the trewis. And als fast as schir James of Douglas gat wit hereof, he past till Londone incontinent, and quharfor men wist nocht redelye, bot he was thar with the king of Yngland lang tyme and was mekle maid of.

THE yer of God M. cccc. LI, the xxv day Junii, thar was haldin a parliament in Edinburgh, be king James the secund. To the quhilk parliament the forsaid erle William of Douglas come, and put him, body landis and gudis, in the kingis grace. And the king resavit him till his grace, at

the request of the quene and the thre estatis, and grantit him all his lordschippis agane, outtane the erldom of Wigtoun, that is to say Galloway fra the watter of Cre west, and Stewartoune, outtane the landis of Pedynnane, of the quhilk the erllis moder had conjunct feftment, and charterit him new of all the laif of his lordschippis, and gaf him and all his a fre remissioun of all thingis bygane to the day forsaide. And all gud Scottis men war rycht blyth of that accordance.

THAT samyn yer, the privilege of the universite of Glasqw come to Glasqw, throw the instance of king James the secund, and throw instigacioun of master William Turnbull that tyme bischop of Glasqw, and was proclamit at the croce of Glasqw, on the Trinite sonday the xx day of June. And on the morne, thar was cryit ane gret indulgence, gevin to Glasqw at the request of thaim forsaide, be pap Nycholas, as it war the yer of Grace, and with all indulgens that thai mycht haf in Rome, contenand iiij monethis, begynnand the ix day of Julii, and durand to the x day of November.

THE samyn yer, the xvi day of August, thar was slane Jhon of Sandelandis sone and ar to the lard of Caldor, in that tyme bot xx yeris of age, and his eme James, and ane man with tham.

ITEM, that samyn yer and moneth, thar was drownit in the watter of Crawford schir John Logane of Lestalrig knyght, of the age of xx yeris.

ITEM, that samyn yer, schir Patrik of Corhtoun was slane in Dunbertane, on setterday the vii. day of August, be Allane Hog that tyme portar.

THAT samyn yer, erll William of Douglas was slane in the castell of Strivling, be king James the secund that had the fyr merk in his face. The forsaide king James send out of Strivling, with William Lawder of Haltoun, a speciale assoverans and respit under his preve sele, and subscrivit with his awne hand. And all the lordis that war with the king that tyme, gaf bodely aithis to kepe that respit and assoverance, and subscrivit ilk man with thair awne hand. And all the lordis that war with the king that tyme war oblist, supos the king wald brek the band forsaide, that thai suld let it at thair power. This beand done, the forsaide William of Lawder of Haltoun passit to the forsaide erll William of Douglas, and brocht him to Strivling to the king, on the monunday befor fastrennisvyn, that was the xxi. day of Februar. And this samyn monunday, he passit to the castell and spak with the king, that tuk richt wele with him be apperans, and callit him on the morne to the dyner and to the supper, and he come and dynit and sowpit. And thair said, thar was a band betwix the said erll of Douglas, and the erll of Ros, and the erll of Crauford. And efter supper, at sevyne houris, the king than beand in the inner chalmer and the said erll, he chargit him to breke the forsaide band. He said, he mycht nocht, nor wald nocht. Thair the king said, fals tratour sen yow will nocht. I sall, and stait sodanly till him with ane knyfe, and straik him in at the coler, and down in the body. And

thai sayd that Patrik Gray straik him nixt the king, with ane poll ax on the hed, and strak out his harnes. And syne the gentillis that war with the king, gaf thaim ilkane a straik or twa with knyffis. And thir ar the names that war with the king that strake him, for he had xxvi woundis. In the first, schir Alexander Boyd, the lord Dernelie, schir Androw Stewart, schir William of Creniston, schir Symond of Glendonane, and the lord Gray, &c.

M. cccc. lii.

THE yer of God M. cccc. lii. the xxvii day of Merche, schir James of Douglas, erll James secund son, for the foule slauchter of his brother erll William of Douglas, come on Sanct Patrikis day in lentryn to Strivling, and blew out xxxiii hornis attanis, apon the king, and apon all the lordis that war with him that tyme, for the foule slauchter of his brother, and schewe all thair selis, at the cors, on ane letter, with thair handis subscrivit, and tuke the letter, and band it on ane burd, and cuplit it till ane hors tale, and gart draw it throu the towne, spekand richt sclanderfully of the king and all that war with him that tyme, and spulyeit all the toune, and brint it. And thar was with him, his brother the erll of Ormond, and the lord Hammiltoun, and na ma lordis, and thai excedit nocht of gud men vi^e. All this tyme, the king was into Perth, passand to the erll of Craufurd.

THE BATTELL OF BRECHYNE.

FRom about that samyn tyme, the xviii day of Maii, thar met and faucht in the feld, on the mure besyd Brechyne, the erll of Craufurd callit Allexander, the erll of Huntlie

callit Alexander. And thar was with the erll of Huntlie fer ma than was with the erll of Craufurd, becaus he displayit the kingis banir, and said it was the kingis actioun, and he wes his luftennend. And schortlie the erll of Huntlie wan the feld, and slewe the erll of Craufurdis brother callit Jhon Lindesay of Brechyne, and the lard of Dundas, and uthir syndry gentill men wele till ⁱⁱⁱ^{xx} of cotarmouris on that syd. And on that uthir syd, William of Setoun the erllis brother, and uthir thre or four of gentill men, and v or sex of yemen. And the erll of Huntlie held the feld, and raid in Angus, with thre or four thousand with him. And the erll of Craufurd

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THAT samyn yer, thar was ane parliament haldin in Edinburgh, the ^{xii} day of Junii, be king James the secund. And thar was forfeitit Alexander Lyndesaye the erll of Craufurd and lord Lyndesay, baith land lyf and gudis. And in that samyn parliament, thar was put on the nycht on the parliament hous dur, ane letter undir schir James of Douglas sele, and the sele of the erll of Ormond, and schir James Hammiltounnis, declynand fra the king, sayand that thai held nocht of him nor wald nocht hald with him, with mony uthir sclanderous wordis, calland tham tratouris that war his secret counsall. And than this parliament was continewit for ^{xv} dayis, and chargit all maner of man till be at Edinburgh, baith on fut and hors, ilk man for himself, baith in burgh and land, undir the pane of ded and tinsall of thair landis.

THE quhilk day, thai apperit all and semblit at Pentland mur, and war noumerit xxx^m. And the king him self passit on southwart with the ost to Peblis, Selkraig, Drumfries, and uthir syndry partis, and did na gud, bot destroyit the cuntre richt fellonly baith of cornes medowis and vittalis, and heriit mony bath gentillmen and uthiris that war with him self.

ITEM, thar was maid in the forsaid parliament, thre erllis, viz. schir James Crechtoun son and air to schir William of Crechtoun, that spousit the eldest sister of Murray, was beltit erll of Murray. Item, the lord Hay and constable of Scotland was beltit erll of Eroll. Item, schir George of Crechtoun was beltit erll of Caithnes. Item, thar was maid vi or vii lordis of the parliament and banrentis. In the first, the lord Dernelie, the lord Halis, the lord Boyd of Kilmernok, the lord Flemyng of Cummyrnald, the lord Borthuik of that ilk, the lord Lyle of Dowchale, the lord of Cathcart of that ilk. Item, the lord of Lorne, Jhon Stewart, talyeit all his landis to the male and surname, in the said parliament. Item, the lord of Cathcart deit in the samyn tyme. Item, schir George of Crechtoun annext all his landis to the erldome of Caithnes, that samyn tyme. Item, thar was syndry landis gevin to syndry men, in this parliament, be the kingis secret counsall, that is to say, the lord Cambell, to schir Colyne Cambell, to schir Alexander Home, to schir David Home, to schir James Keyr, and till uthir syndry war rewardit be the said secret counsall, the quhilk men demyt wald nocht stand.

ANE thousand cccc. lli. the xxix day of August, thar was cummand to the cathederall kirk, master George of Lawder that tyme bischope of Ergyle, fra his castall of Auchindoun, efter that he had bene in the ile of Lesmor that tyme xxx dayis and mair. And thar was in his company, that samyn tyme, master Hercules Skrymgeour persoun of Glassar, schir Jhon M^eArthour, and schir Adam his perrische preist, and Alexander Skrymgeour the personis brothir, and the lordis awne servandis of houshald, and nane utheris, for the lord come for gud trefy and trastit nain evill. This person forsaide brocht ane summondis apon schir Gilbert M^eLachane, that tyme chancellor of the forsaide cathedrall kirk, and apon schir Morys M^eFadyane, that tyme thesaurer of the said kirk. The quhillk schir Gilbert and schir Morys gadderit all hale the Clanlachane, and all uthiris that thai mycht purches, and send to thir men word, that the forsaide bischop come with the forsaide clerk, and put thaim out of thar benefice, and to put in the forsaide master Hercules. And thus thai informit the peple wranguisly and begylit thaim, for the person had no thing bot a summondis apon schir Gilbert, and apon schir Morys M^eFadyan, for a sentence diffinitive that thai gaf aganis him of his benefice that he had joysit peceably xv yer, with schir Gotheray M^eForsan. Becaus that this summondis was apon his chennonis, the lord passit in proper persoun till haf maid gud trefye. And als fast as this lord with thir personis forsaide come ner the kirk within the quarter of ane myle, the forsaide schir Gilbert and schir Morys come with all the power that thai mycht be, in fere of were, apon the forsaide lord the bischop and his company, and spak till him

self richt disputuoslie with felloun wordis and scorne, and for dispyte halsit him in errische, sayand bannachadee, and dispytfully reft fra him the forsaid master Hercules, and pullit him fra his hors, and brak the lordis belt, and tuke the clerke ande his brother and harllit and led thaim away rycht dispytfully, and band the gentill man and thocht to strik of his hed. And quhen this foull suppres was done till God and haly kirk, than the lord wald haf past on his fute till his kirk, thai stert befor him, sayand that and he schupe to gang thair away, that thai suld sla him and all that war with him. And thai war all about him, and wald nocht lat him pas ony gait, till he was oblist till assolye thaim of all thing that than was done thar. And for dreid of his lyf and his mennis he grantit, throw consall of Rure Alanson and uthiris that war with him. And than thai come with a flyrdome, and said that thai come for na ill of him ne his childer. And thai held the clerk and his brothir, and on the morne gart thaim swer that thai suld never follow him, nothir of summondis, nor of uthir thing that was done to thaim be thaim self na na uthiris, bot held thair bullis and thair silver and a silkyne twys and all uthir graith that thai had that was oucht worth, viz. gownis clokis hudis bannettis and uthir small geir.

M. CCCC. LIII.

ITEM, the yer of God M. CCCC. LIII. in the moneth of September, deit Alexander Lyndesay erll of Craufurd in Fynevyne, that was callit a rigorus man and ane felloun, and held ane gret rowme in his tyme. For he held all

Angus in his bandoun, and was richt inobedient to the king.

M. CCCC. LIV.

ITEM, M. CCCC. LIIII. thar decesit, in the moneth of August, Gilbert Hay erll of Errol.

ITEM, the samyn yer and moneth, thar decessit in Edinburgh schir George of Crechtoun. And in the samyn moneth and yer, schir James lord of Crechtoun decessit at Dunbar, and it was haldin fra the king a litill quhile, and syne gevin till him. And in the samyn moneth and yer, decessit Jhon Hammiltoun that was callit Quhissilbery, and was a licht man in his tyme. Item, in the samyn yer and moneth, decessit in Sterling Androw Cunnyngname, sone and air till William of Cunnyngname of Glengernok. And the samyn Androw spousit Mergaret Cambell, schir Duncane lord Cambellis douchter, and tuke viii^c merkis of toucher, and arit the land.

AND in the samyn moneth and yer, decessit schir Alexander Ramsay lord of Dalhousy. And in the samyn moneth and yer, decessit Jhon of Park lard of that ilk. Item, that samyn yer and moneth, decessit schir William Keith, that was callit ane gentill knyght and a vertuose. Item, the samyn yer and moneth, the lard of Jhonstonis twa sonnys tuk the castall of Lochmabane apon the lard of Mouswald, callit Carudderis, and his ii sonnys, and othir twa or thre men, and all throu tressoun of the portar. And syne the king gaf tham the keping of the hous to his prophet, and how that was men ferleit.

THAR was ane richt gret spait in Clyde the xxv day and xxvi day of November, the whilk brocht doun haile houssis bernis and millis, and put all the town of Govane in ane flote, quhill thai sat on the houssis.

M. CCCC. LV.

THE yer of God M. CCCC. LV. in the begynning of Merche, James the secund kest doun the castell of Inveravyne, and syne incontinent past till Glasqw, and gaderit the westland men, with part of the Areschery, and passit to Lanerik and to Douglas, and syne brynt all Douglasdale, and all Avendale, and all the lord Hammiltonnis landis, and heriit them clerlye, and syne passit till Edinburgh, and fra thin till the forest, with ane ost of lawland men. And all that wald nocht cum till him furthwith, he tuke thair gudis and brynt thair placis, and tuke faith of all the gentillis clerlie. And all this tyme the lord Hamiltoun was in Yngland till have gottyn suple, and couth get nane, bot gif the Douglas and he wald have bene Ynglis men, and maid the aith. And incontinent efter, the king passit in proper persoun, and put ane sege till Abercorn. And within vii days, lord Hammiltoun come till him till Abercorne, and put him lyf landis and gudis in the kingis will purelie and sempillye, throw the menys of his eme James of Levingstoun that tyme chalmerlane of Scotland. And the king resavit him till grace, and send him on incontinent with the erll of Orknay that tyme chancellor of Scotland, till remane in warde in the castell of Roslyne at the kingis will. And thus he left the erll of Douglas all begylit, as men said. And men wist not grathlie quhar

the Douglas was. All this tyme the king remanit still at the sege, and thar was mony hurt and nane slane, till sanct Georgis daye, outtane Allane Pantour, that was that tyme the mast ingenious man that was in Scotland and mast subtell in mony divers thingis, and was slane with ane ganye throu misgovernyng of him self, and was richt mekle menynt be the king and mony uthir lordis. Thus the king remanit still at the sege, and gart strek mony of the towris down with the gret gun, the quhilk a Franche man schot richt wele, and falyeit na shot within a faldome quhar it was chargit him to hit. And

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The king gadderit ane gret ost, and past in Yngland, and did gret scaith, and wan mony towris and housis.

ITEM, the xii day of Maii, James the brothir of erll William of Douglas that was slane in the castell of Strivling come to Knapdale, and spak thar with the erll of Ros and lord of Ilis, and maid thaim all richt gret rewardis of wyne clathis silver silk and Ynglis clath, and thai gaf thaim mantillis agane. And quhat was thar amangis thaim was counsall to connvines, and thai demyt ill all.

ITEM, that samyn moneth and yer, schir George of Crechtoun resignit all his conquest landis in the kingis handis and maid him his air. And within vi days, James of Crechtoun sone and air to the said George of Crechtoun, take the castell of Blacknes and his fader, in contrar of

the king. And incontinent the king in proper persoun put ane sege to the Blacknes, and lay at it ix or x dayis, and than it was gevin our be trety. And schir George was put to Methfen, and gaf him the landis of Strathurd for the landis that he had conquest in Louthiane.

THE herschipe of Inverkip be Donald of the Ylis, viz. Baloch, with the power of the ilis with him. And thai said Jhon of Douglas, ane bastard sone till Archebald erll of Douglas, was with thaim. Thai war v^{xx} of galays wele tald and ma, and of men v or vi thousand. This herschipe was done the said yeir, the x day of Julii. And thar was slane of gude men xv, and of wyfis twa or thre, and of barnis thre or four, and of hors v or vi^c, and of oxin and ky x^m and ma, and of schepe and gait a thousand and ma. And thai brynt that tyme certane townis in Inverkep, viz. about the kirk. Item, this said Donald with his ost of the ilis herlit all Arane, and wan the castell of Brandwik, and kest it down to the erd, and heriit baith the Ilis of Cerayes the samyn tyme. Item, thai tuke crauchmet of Bute the samyn tyme, viz i^c bollis of male, i^c bollis of malt, i^c mertis, i^c merkis of silver.

M. CCCC. LVI.

ITEM, M. CCCC. LVI. Cunynghame and Dalrumpill faucht in the barras of Strivling befor king James the secund.

THE samyn yer the thrid day of December, thar decesit in Glasqw master William Turnbull bischope of Glascw, that brocht haim the perdoun of it.

ITEM, that samyn yer the last day of August, deit in Glasqw master Walter Stewart that was lord provand.

ITEM, that samyn yer and moneth, decessit in Brechyne master Jhone Crennok bischop of Brechyne, that was callit a gude actif and vertuis man, and all his tyme wele governand.

M. CCCC. LIX.

THE yer of God M. CCCC. LIX. the penult day of Junii, decessit at Paslay Thomas Tarvas abbot of Paslay, the quhilke was ane richt gud man, and helplyk to the place of ony that ever was. For he did mony notable thingis, and held ane noble hous, and was ay wele purvait. He fand the place all out of gud rewle, and destitut of leving, and all the kirkis in lordis handis, and the kirk unbiggit, the body of the kirk fra the bricht stair up, and put on the ruf. He biggit and theckit it with sclait, and riggit it with stane, and biggit ane gret porcioun of the steple, and ane staitlie yethous, and brocht hame mony gud jowellis, and clathis of gold silver and silk, and mony gud bukis, and maid staitlie stallis, and glasynnit mekle of all the kirk, and brocht hame the staitliest tabernakle that was in all Scotland, and the mast costlie. And schortlie he brocht all the place to fredome, and fra nocht till ane mychti place, and left it out of all kynd of det, and at all fredome till dispone as thaim lykit, and left ane of the best myteris that was in Scotland, and chandillaris of silver, and ane lettren of bras, with mony uthir gud jowellis.

ITEM, the xvi day of August, king James the secund maid

his first vayage in Yngland, with vi^c thousand men, and brynt and heriit xx mylis within the land, and wan and distroyit xvii towris and fortaliceis, and remanit on the ground of Yngland vi days and vi nychtis. And thar persewit thaim never Ynglisman with ill, nother be day nor nycht, and come hame with gret worschip, and tynt nocht a man of valour.

ITEM, incontinent the Ynglismen war gadderit wele till iiii or v^c thousand, and come to the marche, and thar discordit and passit hame with ane gret velany, viz. the duke of York, the erll of Salisbery, with mony uthir syndry gret lordis of the land.

M. CCCC. LX.

THE yer of God M. CCCC. LX. the thrid sonday of August, king James the secund with ane gret oist was at the sege of Roxburgh, and unhappely was slane with ane gun the quhilke brak in the fyryng, for the quhilke was gret dolour throu all Scotland. And never the les all the lordis that war thar remanit still with the oist, and on the fryday efter, richt wysly and manfully wan the forsaid castell, and tynt nocht a man may in the wynnyng of it.

AND than thai lordis incontinent send till Edinburgh for the prince. And the said prince, with his moder the quene, and bischopis and uthir nobillis, come to Kelso on the fryday efter the deid of the king, and remanit thar quhill he was crounit, and quhill the forsaid castell was wastit and distroyit. And on the sonday efter, he was crounit

in to Kelso. And the forsaid lordis passit to the castell of Werk, and sone thai wan that castell, and incontinent kest it doune to the erd and distroyit it for ever. Item, in the tyme of the coronacioun of the kyng, thar was maid ma than a hundreth knychtis.

ITEM, in the moneth of Januar in the yer forsaid, the prince of Yngland and the quene of Yngland come in Scotland, to get help and suple aganis the duke of Yorke. And thai come to Drumfres, and the quene of Scotland, the duke of Gillerlandis dochter, met the forsaid prince and his moder at Kyngloundane, and thai remanit thar togidder x or xii days. And thai said thai war speikand of mariage betuix the forsaid prince and king James the thridis sister, and sum said that thai war accordit on baith the sydis. And in the meyne tyme, the duke of York and the erll of Salisbery and the dukis son war slane, with uthir divers lordis of thair company.

THE yer of God m. cccc. lx. the erll of Ergyle Colyne Cambell passit in Lorne, for the redempcioun of his cosing Jhon Keir of Lorne, the quhilke was tane be his brother Allane of Lorne of the Wod, sister son to Downe Balloch. And schortlie this erll forsaid with his oist come to the ile of Kerewra, quhar this Allane had his brother in festynans. And his entent was to distroye him, that he mycht have succedit to the heretage. And schortlie thai come sa suddanlie apoun the forsaid Allane in the said ile, that he mycht nocht pas away with his schippis, in the quhilke war a hundreth men, and this said Jhon Keir was bound.

And his men was slane to the noumer of IIII or v^{xx}, and brynt thar schippis, and redemit his cosing and restorit him to his lordschip. And the tother chapit richt narrowly with his lyf, and IIII or v personis. And this was the first slauchter efter the deid of king James the secund.

THIS samyn yer the xxiii day of Februar, king James the thrid held his first parliament at Edinburgh, to the quhillk parliament come thir lordis under writtin, that is to say, the lord of Ylis and erll of Ros, and all the lardis of the ilis, lord Dernlie, and the lord Kalendar, the lord Hamiltoun. And thai did littil gud in the forsaid parliament, bot that thai ordanit sessionis to sit, first at Aberdene, syne in Perth, syne in Edinburgh. And thai left the king in keping with his moder the quene, and goverhyng of all the kinrik. And therfor the lordis said that thai war littil gad worth, bath spirituale and temporall, that gaf the keping of the kinrik till a woman. And incontment the quene efter this parliament put in new keparis in the castellis of Edinburgh Strivling and Dunbar, viz. in Edinburgh Androwe Keyr, in Dunbar lord Halis, in Blaknes and Strivling Robert Liddale.

ITEM, the said quene, efter the deid of king James the secund, tuke master James Lyndesay for principale counsa-lour, and gart him kepe the preve sele, nochtwithstanding that the said master James was excludit fra the counsall of the forsaid king and fra the court, and for his verray helynes, and had bene slane for his demeritis had nocht bene he was redemit with gold.

ITEM, efter the deid of the forsaid king, the lord of Ylis past till Invernes, and tuke the kingis fermes and all vittalis of the kingis, and proclamit all the gudis and the landis of the kingis intill his handis, and gaf remissionis and respittis. And for thir causis he was summond to the parliament under the pane of forfait, and comperit nocht. And than thai supersedit his caus quhill the feist of sanct Jhon the baptist, and continewit the forsaid parliament till that day, to be haldin in Aberdene.

ITEM the lord of Curthous come till Edinburgh till

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